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Speaker

suspends

House

after row

By Robin Oakley and Sheila Gunn

Personal allegations against a minister by a Labour MP yesterday brought the biggest parliamentary clash seen by viewers since television came to Westminster last autumn.

They came after claims that Mr Michael Forsyth, Scottish health minister, had links through a public relations

company to firms which could benefit from lucrative NHS contracts.

The allegations led to the suspension first of a Com-

mons standing committee examining the National

Health Service Bill and then of

the House of Commons itself

after a furious procedural

The Government was

embarrassed when Sir Geof-frey Howe finally agreed to

withdraw a Draconian motion

he had proposed to give the

committee chairman, Dame

Janet Fookes, powers to sus-

pend the Labour backbencher,

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours,

MP for Workington, who

The MP promised not to

But Conservative MPs and

ministers were furious that the

Speaker, who appeared to

change his mind more than

once, in effect allowed Mr

Campbell-Savours to make in

the Commons the detailed

speech that he had tried to

make in committee contain-

ing allegations about the busi-

ness connections of Mr

Forsyth, Minister for Health

in the Scottish Office and

chairman of the Scottish

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the

Health Secretary, intervened

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'Enough in common to break deadlock'

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

dem Ireland, signalled yesterday that he believed there was now sufficient 'common ground'' among the constitutional parties to form the basis of talks towards a devolved government for the province.

In a keynote speech, he my judgment be enough comurged the constitutional parties to seize the opportunity to begin such talks.

Mr Brooke's remarks, which officials worked on throughout Monday, was being seen last night as an attempt to break the political

It was notable for its use of terms aimed at helping the Frovince's politicians overcome obstacles created by their past attitude towards the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Mr Brooke told businessmen in Bangor, Co Down, that his recent round of dis-

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● The Ceausescu family ran their country's football teams to suit themselves, demanding the best players and manipulating results. We continue our series on Romanian sport after the revolution with a look at how the authorities are trying to bring reality

Women at the helm

back to the game:

● The all-women crew of Maiden have confounded the critics. and proved their sailing prowess, by leading their class in the Whitbread Round the World race: page 17

> PORTFOLIO PLATINUM

 Four people shared yesterday's Portfolio Platinum £4,000 prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000: page 30

Weightlifting drugs inquiry

THE COUNTY The Sports Council is to investigate doping control in weightlifting after Dean for his Circus des de ses se Willey became the first athlete to be dropped from a British the first state of the state of team for the Commonwealth Games because of a positive drugs test.

ne Council yesterday announced that it had agreed to a
request from the British Amathe state of the s (BAWLA) to review drug control procedures Page 46

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was widespread support for some measure of devolution. But the Secretary of State issued a warning that convert-

easy. "I would not wish to raise hopes unduly," he said. "Much work needs to be done, but there may now in

ing these hopes into construc-

tive dialogue would not be

A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead in Castlederg, Co Tyrone, yesterday. He was the third sectarian murder victim in Northern Ireland this year. Early reports said the victim, who owned a shoe shop, died after being shot by two masked gunmen. The soldier was married with two children.

mon ground to make worthwhile the start of talks soon on new arrangements for exercising political power within Northern Ireland. I do hope that politicians here will make the most of the opportunity which may now exist."

Mr Brooke's comments reflect a general underlying sense of optimism within Ulster political circles that an opportunity for inter-purty majority and min sales may prosent itself in the coming months.

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The positive evidence for that has been the mounting political deadlock and, more importantly, the steady apparconditions for coming to the

negotiating table. Just six months ago Unionist leaders were uniformly and rigidly adhering to their call for the scrapping of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, signed by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Charles Haughey.

That consensus has now been broken as the more progressive among them, notably Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, have publicly explored the possibil-ity of using a gap of some kind between Anglo-Irish Conference meetings together with a temporary redeployment of civil servants at the Anglo-Irish Secretariat, to create an

opportunity for talks. It was notable that Mr Brooke went out of his way to reassure Unionist opinion premature.

Mr Peter Brooke, Sec- cussions with party leaders that the constitutional pos-retary of State for North- had convinced him that there ition of Northern Ireland could not be threatened by discussions towards a devolved administration.

He also appeared to signal. in phraseology welcomed by Unionist politicians - that both the Irish and British governments would be prepared to consider sympathetically the implications that talks may have for the Anglo-Irish Agreement and the workings of the inter-governmental conference.

But at Westminster it was made clear that "at present" the Government was not considering any alternative to the agreement because none had been put to them. "Any possible alternative is something that should be presented to us on an all-party basis".

target areas - what he described as "certain realities which could not be ignored" where agreement was essential: **The establishment of work-**

Mr Brooke identified four

able and acceptable arrangements for the exercise of devolved powers. The creation of democratic institutions which would give

appropriate weight to both majority and minority aspira-• The incorporation of the "legitimate interest" of the

Irish government in Ulster United Kingdom sovereignty. The establishment of an ent dilution of Unionist pre- effective local political contribution to the security of the province.

Last night Mr James Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said the speech indicated that the Secretary of State had made progress in talks with the Dublin government and other constitutional parties on Unionist demands.

Mr Robinson welcomed the speech and particularly the emphasis on seeking eventual devolution. "I think Mr Brooke is giving a nod in the direction of the two unionist leaders that progress can be

A spokesman for Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, while welcoming the speech, said that focusing exclusively on devolution was

Cost of petrol goes up as world oil prices fall

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent The return of mild weather in that the latest price increases

at the petrol pumps in Britain.

Today Shell raises the price of a gallon of leaded four-star by 5.5p to 189.1p to reflect the surge in oil product prices during extremely cold weather across the Atlantic recently. British Petroleum has already put up its price 3.2p to 186.9p.

the United States has triggered are merely passing on, with a a sharp drop in world market time lag, rises in the inter-oil prices, but it comes too late to prevent a steep rise in prices Christmas. Pump price chan-Christmas. Pump price chan-ges always trailed spot market developments, BP said. Shell said it could look at

new price moves next week. The recent surge in petrol and diesel prices on the inter-

national market came after strong US demand for heating oil made refiners switch Despite the appearance of production away from other forecourt prices moving the products. The fall in the crude wrong way, the oil companies oil price is of less impact, as reject any suggestion of crude accounts for only about embarrassment, pointing out a third of pump prices.

MP hails verdict as moral victory



Mr Ron Brown, the Labour MP, leaving Lewes Crown Court with his solicitor, Mr Chris Lethem, after being fined £1,000 for causing criminal damage at the home of his former mistress, Mrs Nonna Longden. He was acquitted of theft. Mr Brown described the outcome 24 "a moral victory." (Report, page 3).

Continued on page 24, col 4 Plea for calm during Gorbachov visit

be taken later this month.

day after he was originally expected, a Communist Party

official here said last night. Mr Vladimir Beryozov, the would tour the Baltic republic, ending his visit by attending a local party meeting at the weekend.

The appointment of the Thursday arrival came after confusion about the date of the Soviet leader's visit to the republic, where local Com-

President Gorbachov will ar- munists last month voted to rive in Lithuania tomorrow, a set up their own party, independent of Moscow. The Kremlin has not yet officially confirmed the date.

Sajudis, Lithuania's Lithuanian party Second Sec-retary, said Mr Gorbachov pesterday decided to go ahead yesterday decided to go ahead with plans to stage rallies to demonstrate local support for independence, despite objections from the newly-formed Lithuanian Communist Party.

After a hurried meeting yesterday between Sajudis and local Communist leaders, Mr Vytautas Landsbergis, the

From Nick Worrall, Vilnius chairman of Sajudis, confirmed his organization's decision to stage the rallies. Yesterday Mr Beryozov ap-

pealed to the people of Lithuania to "behave themselves in a Changing Europe......6, 7 Old canker.....

calm. European manner without fevers or passions" when

they turned out at rallies to mark Mr Gorbachov's visit. In Lithuania Mr Gorbachov will join a team of senior party officials from the party's Cen-

Communists snubbed a top tral Committee in Moscow. The Central Committee will Azerbaijani comrade vesdecide on what action should terday, underscoring tension between the two republics Mr Landsbergis said: "The over the disputed Nagornoraily could cause some unpleasantness and turmoil for

> the capital. Stepanakert. rather than meet a delegation led by Mr Abdul Vezirov, the Azerbaijani Communist Party chief, leaving the visitors

• Armenian snub: Armenian

stranded at the airport.

Salmonella in eggs

No return for 'little lion'

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

A call for British eggs to be stamped again with the "little lion" symbol to help consumers avoid imported eggs carrying higher health risks was yesterday rejected by the Government.

European Community rules ban the marking of individual eggs with the country of origin although boxes can be labelled. The Commons agriculture select committee had called on ministers to fight for a derogation because of the health risks from imports.

However, Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, replied that it would take months to fight for a derogation which probably would not be granted Instead, he said, he would focus on improving Community health standards. "What we could do tomot-

row is mark every single packet of eggs. We will be encouraging supermarkets to stock eggs which are British only and we can put up signs in the shops saying they are only British eggs," he said.



salmonelia found that British eggs are safer than imports because of the tighter checks brought in since Mrs Edwina Currie provoked the salmonella-in-eggs scarc.

However, the new controls and the results of the scare, when consumption dropped,

are putting British producers

Leading article...

out of business while causing an increase in imports. They rose from around seven million a month last February to more than 58 million in September. Mr Jerry Wiggin, the committee chairman, said: "The Government spent a lot of money cleaning up British industry, therefore it is ridiculous to import a lot of eggs with lower standards.

"We were not happy that eggs come from countries with Continued on page 24, col 1

months in the last five years).

BBC censors 'independent' report on Radio 3



Mr John Drummond: threat to resign from Radio 3.

By Richard Evans Media Editor

The BBC censored a critical report about Radio 3 broadcast this week on See For Yourself, the supposedly independent and impartial review of the corporation's annual activities.

Mr Michael Checkland, director general intervened personally after Mr John Drummond, controller of Radio 3, threatened to resign if the eight-minute item was screened in its original form.

Fundamental changes were subsequently made to the report, commissioned by the BBC from Chrysalis Television, a leading independent programme maker, resulting in an "enormous internal row" inside the corporation, according to informed sources.

It's a good idea and entirely logical to let the licence payers see where their money is going Gone, after all, are the old days when the BBC left it had to hide itself behind closed doors."

A quote from Terry Wogan, presenter of See For Yourself, in Radio Times. What viewers saw on Sunday evening was substantially different in tone and content from the original item made by Chrysalis at the BBC's request.

length by BBC staff, archive material

was slotted in and the final re-edited

version was remarkably complimentary

An interview containing criticism of Radio 3 was dramatically reduced in

about Radio 3. The See For Yourself exercise began in 1987 and is very much the brain-child of Mr Marmaduke Hussey, the corporation chairman, who regards it as a much-needed exercise in public accountability.

The "shareholders' report", as he

dubbed it, goes behind the scenes of the BBC and examines ways in which licence payers' money is spent. Last year, the BBC decided the reports on its various facets should be made by outside producers so that the programme was seen as being unbiased and fair.

However, after the large-scale changes made to the Radio 3 report, critics will suggest that See For Yourself is nothing more than a BBC propaganda exercise. Mr Checkland and Mr Hussey are due to Continued on page 24, col 6

Mr Gorbachov. We are calling ...12 on our people not to make any rash or hurtful statements during the demonstration. We want them to show their determination for indepen-

dence but we don't want them to do that in a loud, aggressive

Karabakh district in the Soviet Union's troubled south (Reuter reports), Party activists in mainly Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh walked out of their offices in

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Controls on farm grants criticized

trebled in the past 10 years in spite of grants to farmers for clean-up projects, the National Audit Office (NAO) said

An investigation by the NAO, the public sector's financial watchdog, found that neither government departments nor water authorities checked up regularly on the use of antipollution grants, resulting in some schemes not being completed to specification (Sheila Gunn writes).

It also disclosed that early grants given under the Government's diversification schemes to encourage farmers to venture into new enterprises are not always going to viable projects. The report complained that many of the grants, totalling £1.6 billion, given to British farmers since 1980 too often produced only small increases in income. The Commons Public Accounts Committee is expected to take evidence on the NAO's findings next week.

National Audit Office report: grants to aid the structure of agriculture in Great Britain. (Stationery Office, £4.60.)

Terrorist jail appeal

A Palestinian terrorist suspected of being involved in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 appealed yesterday against a life sentence imposed in Sweden (Kerry Gill writes). Mohamed Abu Talb, aged 35, was jailed by a Swedish district court on December 21, exactly a year after 270 died in the Lockerbie disaster, for his part in terrorist attacks in Copenhagen and Amsterdam in 1985. Mr Oven-Erik Sjogren, his lawyer, said he would appeal to a regional court in Stockholm. Talb denies any involvement in the

Burglar kills rector

The Rev Stephen Hilliard, a Church of Ireland rector, died yesterday after his throat was cut as he tackled an intruder in his home. He was found by his wife Betty at the foot of the training in their house in Pathware Co. Windows He was staircase in their house in Rathdrum, Co Wicklow. He was taken to a Dublin hospital but died a few hours later. Mr Hilliard, aged 42, was ordained in 1986 and had taken up ministering in Rathdrum only three weeks ago. He was a journalist with *The Irish Times* for 18 years

North Sea jobs bonus A sub-sea construction company employing 1,100 highlyskilled oil industry workers has been set up in Aberdeen to

provide services for the new generation of North Sea oil fields (David Young writes). The company, Rockwater, for-med by Brown and Root Vickers, the off-shore construction group, and Smit, the Dutch specialist diving company, has won contracts to install the first seven emergency cut-off valves beneath oil platforms after the Piper Alpha disaster.

Sinn Fein man held

Mr Danny Morrison, the vice-president of Sinn Fein, was still in police custody last night after being arrested on Sunday in connection with an alleged kidnapping (Edward Gorman writes). Mr Morrison, whose office has denied that he was involved in an abduction, was among nine people arrested in west Belfast during a large-scale police and Army

Castle to house opera

An early 19th-century folly, Gwrych Castle at Abergele in north Wales, is to be turned into a 2,000-seat opera house dedicated to the late Richard Burton, the actor, by Mr Nick Tavaglione, a Californian property magnate, if his £10 million scheme gets planning approval (Simon Tait writes). Mrs Rikmini Sukarno, the opera singer wife of the former president of Indonesia, will also be involved at the "witch's castle" as she wants to start an opera school there.

RAF crews survive mid-air collision

By Michael Evans and Peter Davenport

Tornado and a Jaguar, escaped yesterday after a midair collision, apparently during separate low-level training sorties.

A board of inquiry was set up to discover why the Jaguar jet fighter, flying in a formation of three spread over about half a mile, collided with a Tornado, which was flying in the opposite direction.

ground near Hexham in Nor- Norfolk. thumberland

One of the men was belegs. Debris was scattered over spot each other in time. two big roads, the A68 and

A69. The Jaguar clipped the tail of the Tornado, and was damaged, but the pilot managed to fly it to RAF Leeming in North Yorkshire.

There have been numerous complaints about low-flying exercises by RAF planes in the area of the accident.

One witness said the two aircraft involved were operating at "tree top level", and that the wingtip of the Jaguar, which was approaching from the south, clipped the tail of the Tornado, which was flying RAF Boulmer on the in from the north.

The Tornado flipped on to its side, and there was an explosion and a burst of flame before it plunged into a field

The crews of two RAF jets, a Mill. The road was blocked in both directions by the wreckage. One piece hit a lorry, but there were no reports of injuries on the ground.

The Tornado had flown from its base at RAF Laarbruch in West Germany on a training sortie in the area.

It is common for single Tornados to fly over at high level from West Germany, carry out a low-level sortic The pilot and navigator of and then return to base at high the Tornado ejected before the altitude. The Jaguar had taken aircraft crashed into the off from RAF Coltishall in

Although it is not clear why the collision occurred, it is lieved to have broken both likely that the pilots failed to

Neither aircraft would have been flying with its radar switched on, and the pilots would simply have been looking out for other jets in their vicinity.

The training sorties are arranged by the RAF so that there should not be too many aircraft in one area at any

The crew of the Tornado were taken to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, after being picked up by a Sea King search and rescue helicopter operating out of Northumberland coast.

In September last year, two RAF crewmen were killed when their Hawk jet crashed into a field after taking off adjoining the A68 at Riding from RAF Brawdy in Wales.

Striking ambulance officers keep fires of pay protest burning

Backbenchers say dispute may soon end

Ministers were continuing to take a tough line in the ambulance dispute yesterday, although Conservative MPs maintained that an end to the 8-week struggle was in sight. Government sources were nsistent that no more money would be forthcoming. The only purpose of any further meeting between National Health Service employers and the unions was for a settlement on a nine to 16 per cent

rise over 18 months, terms that had long been available. They were equally insistent that concessions from the ambulance officers — an agreement to drop the question of "linkage" with other emergency service workers' pay and to drop a demand for an 11.4 per cent single year increase - should be put in writing before further talks could take place.

However, Conservative MPs who met ambulance union representatives yes-terday said last night that "talks about talks" between the two sides were likely to have started before an Oppoation-staged Commons debate on the dispute tomorrow. Mr Jerry Hayes, Tory MP for Harlow, said: "There is a

lot of common ground if only both sides will see it." A settlement had nearly been achieved before Christmas and had broken down because of a "morass of mistrust and misunderstanding". He believed that a settle-

ment could be achieved without any "new money" on the basis of the £6 million which had been "found" already. Other Tory MPs who met Mr Bob Abberley, parliamen-

tary liaison officer for the five Mr Richard Holt, MP for Langbaurgh, and Sir David Price, MP for Eastleigh. There is considerable pres-

re among Conservative



Striking ambulance staff at the Deptford station, Old Kent Road, east London, burning scrap wood to keep warm as they continued their protest yesterday,

although without conceding terms that would lead to a flood of public-sector wage claims and an eventual loss of jobs as a result.

Mr Hayes said yesterday that the search was on for a mechanism that would guarantee the value of any settlement reached and that did not involve linkage with other workers, arbitration or a pay review body for officers. While ministers were pre-

pared to dig in for a long dispute rather than concede inflationary wage increases, there was a discernible willingness in government ranks to seek a way out of the damaging dispute if the striking officers could be persuaded to formalize the scaling down of MPs for the Government to their claims. The dispute fig-

decade when Mrs Margaret Thatcher responded to an invitation from Mr Neil Kinnock to pay tribute to the ambulance workers at the scene of the previous night's crash on the M25 and to agree that it was inaccurate and insulting for them to be described as merely professional drivers.

Ignoring the reference to a previous description of some ambulance drivers by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, the Prime Minister said she gladly paid tribute to the ambulance workers, many of who were still working full time and providing emergency cover.

The Government wanted to increase the number of am-

reason that the nine to 16.3 per cent pay offer was slanted towards those with para-medical qualifications, she said.

With both sides in the

dispute keeping at arm's length yesterday, the mood in the capital hardened when the London Ambulance Service admitted it had immobilized 500 ambulances and vehicles normally used by the crews. The National Union of

Public Employees (Nupe) described the action as "disgraceful and irresponsible". It said: "It is hard to credit this action after unpaid crews again proved their dedication by rushing to the scene of the M25 crash."

London Ambulance said that because of the agreement

ister's Question Time of the cal skills and it was for that cies there were still between service by the NHS manage \$ 160 and 180 "frontline" ve-

hicles covering the capital. A spokesman said: "We sible steps to do this, and have immobilized the vehicles do the same.' to stop crews using them in the kind of demonstration which blocked Trafalgar Square just before Christmas or to go shopping or generally to use

them for purposes other than intended." In a seperate development, the Association of London Authorities said it was planning to talk to unions and London Ambulance about the possibility of setting up a temporary ambulance service of the kind introduced in the West Midlands.

Mrs Margaret Hodge, association chairwoman, said: "Londoners are being placed at risk from the inadequate dispute nationally."

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The association estimates that the dispute has cost London £7 million so far, £4 million of which had been used to pay police overtime.

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However, the initiative was dismissed by the unions and the ambulance service. Mr Chris Humphreys, senior London officer for Nupe, said: "We have made clear we are not interested in seeing local authorities in London establishing a seperate ambulance service. We need to get an ambulance service in London back into operation but the answer to that is to solve the

hopes to water down the

It has submitted proposals

proposals at the conference.

countering those prepared last

year by a committee headed

by M Jacques Delors, presi-

dent of the European

should be operated "in a way

which is is compatible with

national traditions". Britain

was the only country to have

On Nato, Mr Hurd support-

ed recent proposals by Mr

James Baker, the US Secretary

of State, that the alliance

should take on an increased

political role as the military

threat from the Soviet Union

Mr Hurd said that it would

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Lean times ahead, graduates told

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Recruiters said yesterday.

degree could be sure of a job, urged students to be realistic rise on 1988. about career prospects.

the onset of economic recesindustry's demand for percent overall.

years the association forecast that increases in graduate little as I per cent, leading to starting pay would fall below problems for many graduates the rate of inflation as comseeking work this summer. panies abandoned the use of high salaries to lure recruits. Britain's graduates come after ugh salaries to lure recruits. Britain's graduates come after Despite the predicted drop Miss Helen Perkins, the a year in which graduate in demand, Mrs Perkins said

average starting pay offered to paid to graduates in admin-graduates in 1990 would be istrative and personnel jobs

The association predicted

The association, which that while the number of represents 550 big employers graduates would grow by 2.5 of graduates, predicted that per cent to 127,000 this year the number of graduates sion over the next 12 months sought by industry and comwould lead to a slowing in merce would rise by only three

If the impact of high interest For the first time in recent rates was worse than expected, growth in demand could be as The changed fortunes for

association's chairman, said salaries in the construction students graduating with good der-employed."

The days when a graduate could walk into a job in the ceent years had proved and those in the legal process at a suggestance of Graduate counterproductive and inflationary" and forecast that the counterproductive and inflationary and forecast that the counterproductive and industry rose by 24 per cent and those in the legal profession were up 16 per cent

Miss Perkins said that last year there were 20 times as

many applicants for personnel ate staff were unable to recruit and administration posts as all they wanted and almost a there were for jobs in the sixth of all graduate vacancies higher-paid high technology were unfilled at the end of the areas of employment The association's halfyearly study also looked at the many companies had been

salaries paid to graduates as they were promoted. It found that within one year two thirds of graduates were earning up to £12,000 and within three years a third

were earning £14,000.

degrees this summer would still be in demand. She said that students would be unwise to delay choosing jobs. The trend towards leaving a

career decision to the last Its annual report warned £11,000. were under £10,000 while the minute would be reversed and students that the "sellers' market", in which anyone with a per cent increase on the ing on careers in computing. were under £10,000 while the minute would be reversed and £10,327 average last year science, engineering and about their futures before the which was itself an 11 per cent research.

Easter break, she said. Last year more than half of

the companies seeking gradu-

However, Miss Perkins said

"panicked" by predictions of a sharp drop in the number of teenagers in the 1990s. As a result they had "ele vated jobs to graduate status"

without thinking about the consequences. She said: "Graduates have

been over-recruited and un-

Economic and Monetary Union

Hurd urges EC to consider East bloc

By Andrew McEwen and Michael Knipe

The European Community pean Community summit in should consider the possible Strasbourg last month. It was effects on the new East Euro- unable to persuade the other pean democracies before en- countries to delay calling an tering into Economic and inter-governmental confer-Monetary Union, Mr Douglas ence on EMU in 1990, but still Hurd said vesterday.

The Foreign Secretary strongly linked the two questions and implied that the stability of a new, wider Europe could be affected. "In debating the future

development of the Community, we must keep in mind the overall European interest, including the interests of the newest European democracies," he told a meeting in London of members of the put forward its own ideas. European Parliament and the United States House of Representatives.

Mr Hurd said the Community should make three main efforts this year - aid to Eastern Europe, progress towards the 1992 internal market, and a "practical and substantial" debate on EMU, which he decribed as "a longer term goal". His speech showed that

Britain has not dropped the arguments which it deployed unsuccessfully at the Euro-

be easy to forget the past aggression of the Soviet Union and its satellites. They had attempted to undermine the values of freedom and foist a failed system of socialism on 4 the rest of the world. "Against the rapid and radical change of the last few months, we now have to assess the changing role of institutions which were established in a different day and a different chimate." The United

declines.

States stake in Europe would remain crucial, he added. Leading article, page 13

CORRECTION

Our article about the French

threat to Heathrow (Spec-

trum, December 1) wrongly

said that Barry Field, Conservative MP for the Isle of

Wight, was unhappy about delay to "his own private Bill"

seeking to curb pop festivals on the island and had "moved" a motion objecting

The Bill is promoted by the

Isle of Wight County Council and supported by Mr Field. Although he tabled an amend-

ment to a motion objecting to

other bills, he was only seeking



Funding change fuels research fears

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Medical charities fear that changes proposed by the Government yesterday will lead to a large increase in the cost of the research they sponsor in universities and hospitals. The anxiety stems from recommendations announced by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, intended to streamline the organization of government-funded research in universities, which costs about £1 billion a year. According to the Association of Medi-

cal Research Charities, one side-effect could be higher charges for work supported by its members, and a consequent reduction in research. The recommendations come in a consultative document that calls for

changes to the long-standing system of dual support for scientific research. Under this system, research projects are funded from two sources. Universities provide the overheads from the

annual block grant which they receive from the Universities Funding Council. This pays for salaries, equipment and buildings, and amounts to support of more than £670 million a year for science. Secondly, five research councils allocate more than £250 million a year in award grants for specific projects and the salaries of new, young researchers.

The plan is to transfer the cost of some overheads from the funding council's block grant to the research councils, so as to avoid disputes about who should pay for what. Mr MacGregor said: "The consultative paper proposes a new, clearer definition of the boundary. We propose that from the academic year 1991-92, universities and other institutions would continue to pay the salaries of academic staff contributing to Research Council projects and to provide premises free of charge.

"All other costs of these projects would be met by the research councils through their grants. The change in

responsibility would be reflected the amount of grant which the Research Councils and the institutions receive from central government."

The medical charities fear that universities will attempt to recover the money they lose to the research councils by increasing the overheads they put on research that is funded independently such as that sponsored by the charities. The charities spend more than £100 million a year in this way. In an attempt to rejeuvenate the

flagging Midlands textile industry, Leicester Polytechnic is to set up a £7.6 million "automated knitwear research centre" and factory, where new knitting techniques will be tested. Twenty-two companies and four

universities as well as the Department of Trade and Industry will contribute to the three-year programme, which is designed to develop ways of reducing the market lead of Far Eastern countries in the

M25 fog detectors 'were not ready'

By Ruth Gledhill Fog detectors which might have helped prevent the 45-vehicle M25 pile-up near Slough, Berkshire, were not installed because of technical problems, it was

disclosed yesterday. As a coroner opened inquests into the deaths of the five killed, including three members of one family, the Department of Transport disclosed that 18 months ago a report identified the place where the accident occurred as "fog-prose". The installation of two fog detectors

that might have helped prevent the multiple collision, in which 12 were also injured, was delayed because of computer software problems. The installation of a further 52 detectors in more than 30 other fog spots was also delayed. The Department of Transport said yesterday that the detectors should have

been operating by the beginning of this winter. It was milkely that they would be ready before April or May. The British Road Federation said

driver error was often to bisme for accidents in fog. "But people deserve to be warned. It is a shame the system had

not been introduced earlier.' Mr John Prescett, Labour's transpo spokesman, called for a big investment in high-technology equipment to bring the increasing traffic using the motorway under tighter speed controls.

Pharos Marine, of Brentford, west London, manufacturer of the fog detectors, refused to comm The three members of one family killed in the accident at 10.15pm on Mowere Mr Roger Bean, aged 45, his wife, Irene, aged 46, and their danghter, Sarah, aged 22, all of Calverton Road,

Stony Stratford, near Milton Keynes,

Miss Benn's boy friend, Mr Darren Coldridge, was seriously injured. The couple, who had planned to marry, had been en a new year holiday in Berlin. Mr Benn, a director of Fred Cox Metals, scrap merchants, of Milton Keynes, and his wife had driven to meet

them at Heathrow sirport and were s home when their car was involved in the crash in dense fog. Their car was crushed by a coach. Other cars, lorries and vans ploughed into the wreckage.

The other two who died were Mr-Harpal Saroya, aged 32, of the Bronx, New York City, and Mr Omden Minhas, aged 52, of Cricket Close, Waisall, Birmingham. Two people in the car with them, Harjit and Hardip Minhas, were

The M25, in spite of its problems, lies ainth in the motorway accident table. The M1, M2, M3, M4, M11, M23, M53 and M74 all have higher accident rates. The latest available figures show there were 21 deaths from 685 accidents on the M25 in 1987; it is not known how many occurred in fog.

Twenty three children from a middle school in Polesworth, Warwickshire, were taken to hospital in Tamworth,

Staffordshire, last night after windows in

their coach were broken by metal rods on

a lorry. Three had eye injuries.

Christmas book sales prompt new call to end price-fixing

abolish the Net Book Agree- the 27-year agreement. ment, which fixes prices, yesterday claimed a breakthrough after a dramatic increase in sales of reduced-price titles over Christmas

Mr Terry Maher, chairman of Pentos, which owns 48 Dillons bookshops, has been a persistent critic of the agreement, which allows publishers to set minimum prices for most books. In November he flouted the spirit of the agreement by cutting the price of eight popular titles.

Although the books were

By Richard Evans, Media Editor The leader of the campaign to latest attempt to undermine for the trade as a whole. Mr

> Dillons' results for Decem ber showed a 35 per cent increase in total book sales on the previous year. But, more significantly, sales of the eight titles included in the promotion increased fivefold. "Sales of the eight dis-

counted titles represented 2 per cent of Dillons' total turnover in December. This is a remarkable figure given that the average Dillons bookstore stocks 60,000 titles in all," the company said yesterday.

All eight titles were among among the small percentage Dillons' top 50 Christmas not covered by the net book sellers — while only two of the restrictions, his move was the eight appeared in the top 50

Maher said: "The book trade's pessimists have once again been proved wrong. Promoted price reductions work - for books, as it does in all other areas of retailing. The NBA is an obstacle to the book trade's success." He is planning further initiatives to make the agreement a "dead letter".

"More publishers (as many already do) should now recognize their common interest with Dillons in achieving this aim. The book-buying public has had the experience this Christmas of purchasing new titles at discounted prices for the first time ever - and without doubt, they liked it."

to get all the Bills from the last session revived, which has now happened. The restaurant One Sixteen Knightsbridge, has not closed as stated in Jonathan Meades's "Eating Out" article on January 6. It reopened on January 3 after a Christmas and New Year break.

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Tea in Gadaffi's tent and sympathy for the Soviet invaders By Kerry Gill The antics of Ron Brown, whether fuelled by alcohol, passion or concern for photographs beside a Soviet tank. Later that year, Brown was suspended from the House of Commons after calling the Solicitor General for Scotland than Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, a liar. The trivies well-read sympathy for the Soviet tank fetcher was shot from a window of the Libyan People's Bureau in London. Two years ago, he achieved national notoricty in the celebrated mace incident. Brown took hold of the mace incident. Brown took hold of the mace incident. Brown took hold of the mace involved in negotiation in pagnitation.

Labour MP for Leith in 1979.

However, his behaviour - including taking tea in a Bedouin tent with Colonel Gadaffi of Libya, visiting Afghanistan at the height of the Soviet occupation. dropping the House of Commons mace and, allegedly, being involved in extraparliamentary activities with a woman in a Commons shower room - has been more of an embarrassment to his Labour colleagues than any serious threat to Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Not that he has not

As Mrs Thatcher made towards the doors of the Holiday Inn, Brown lunged forward, shouting: "You're not welcome here" and "Is this Poland?". The Government survived, but Brown was collared and fined £50 for a breach of the

His unpredictability began to achieve public notoriety by 1981 when he sorely tried his Labour colleagues and rattled the Government by travelling to Afghanistan. There, he gave his backing

Three months later, he was expelled again after holding up a banner saying "Hands off Lothian". The Labour chief whip co-operated with the Speaker by locking the Leith MP in a room in preparation for his being escorted out.

By 1984, Brown had established what was to be a continuing rapport with Colonel Gadaffi. Claims that he was acting to secure the release of imprisoned Britons were marred by the fact that his

during a late night debate on social security benefits, but dropped it. Some MPs suspected that Brown might have been drunk but he said: "I'd only had a pint of Younger's Tartan. The bloody thing was heavier than I expected."

Brown has not offered a satisfactory answer to why he suddenly grabbed the mace. After a combined vote by both the Tories and his Labour colleagues, he was suspended from the Commons for 20 visit took place just months after days. Infuriated by his refusal to Woman Police Constable Yvonne apologize, Labour MPs withdrew the

party whip. He also had to pay the disappeared on some obscure foreign £1,000 repair bill. By now his future mission. Just before his reselection Brown emerged to say: "The people of Leith are still behind me."

He was, and probably still is, right. His majority has risen from 3,000 in 1979 to seemingly unassailable 11,327 now. Reports of a haemorrhage of support over the past two years have proved unfounded and, last October, he comfortably survived the reselection

Notably, if surprisingly, his wife May has stood by him. At critical points during his bizarre career, Brown has

meeting Brown, instead of lobbying for support within the constituency, was off in Moscow with the Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee involved in negotiations coneming the Middle East.

Many say that it is Mrs Brown who holds his seat together while he conducts Leith constituency foreign policy whether in Colonel Gadaffi's tent or Albania.

After a notorious 10 years in the Commons, it is unlikely that his constituents will turn against him for what was nothing more than another spicy episode in the career of Ron

MP claims a moral victory as he is cleared of stealing

By David Sapsted

Brown said that he was "qui-

etly confident" that hostages

would be released this year but

declined to discuss what con-

tacts he had with the Middle

He also expressed con-

"domestic" charge of criminal

damage would not affect his

political career or his standing

with his constituents. "The

more serious charge was not

proven and that's very im-

portant for me politically.
"I don't think people in

Leith will bother too much

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about the criminal damage,

he said. "I don't think I will

get a front bench job but I

wasn't in line for one

anyway."
Under the 1981 Representa-

declared void if he is found

break up a marriage."

Mr Ron Brown, the Labour Mr Edward Rees, Brown's ards, on April 25, the worse for MP, who was fined £1,000 vesterday for causing criminal damage to his former lover's flat claimed "a moral victory" at the end of the trial.

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Sipping champagne, the member for Edinburgh Leith said that despite the fact it was "hard for someone of left wing tendencies to get a fair trial" in the Conservative-dominated South-east of England, he was delighted the jury had found him innocent of the more serious, indictable charge of stealing jewellery and two pairs of underwear from Mrs Nonna Longden, his former assistant in the Commons and his mistress for three years.

Sentencing Brown, Judge Gower said at Lewes Crown Court: "The fact remains that what you did on that evening in Mrs Longden's flat was a disgraceful exhibition of uncontrolled bad temper for which you should be thoroughly ashamed ... bad tem-per which spilled over into the commission of crime for ∄which you must be punished."

Brown was ordered to pay £2,500 prosecution costs and £628 compensation for smashing up the flat in St Leonards, East Sussex, last

Brown, aged 49, stuck to his defence during the six-day election of an MP is only trial that it was not he but Mrs Longden's new friend, Mr Dermot Redmond, who had broken more than a halfmirrors and glasses in the flat.

Brown said he would be conviction. den and Mr Redmond. His constituency party in Edinburgh will meet tonight to consider the verdict. People here think that he is a bit daft but at least he is a bit daft on behalf of us and they are prepared to forgive him," Mr Bill Axon, the constit-

uency party secretary, said. When the jury of eight men and four women had delivered their verdicts after deliberating for more than three hours, flat in Charles Road, St Leon- Scotland.

counsel, said in mitigation drink. The prosecution said he that the MP was involved in had appealed to Mrs Longden negotiations to secure the to renew their three-year relarelease of British hostages held tionship which had ended the in the Lebanon, including Mr month before. When she had Terry Waite and Mr John refused and then left with Mr McCarthy, the journalist.

Any sentence, he said, "may well have consequences that go beyond this courtroom."

Redmond to give the MP time to "sleep it off," he went about the flat smashing virtually everything of glass.

Police who were called to the flat recovered a note which Brown had written saying "love you, but it will never smashed mirror on which the word "love" had been written.

Brown did not give evidence before the jury but his defence maintained throughout that it was Mr Redmond who had been angered by the MP's presence in the flat, had lost his temper and had then smashed the mirrors as he angrily pursued the MP around the woman's home.

Brown said he believed the police thought "I was a mixture of Jesse James and Rob

He added: "My regret is going to a certain flat alone - I should have taken someone with me. I will never make

"It has been a dreadful

trial, his wife May said: "She Mr Rees said Brown's only source of income was his £24,000 salary as an MP and Judge Gower granted six During the trial, Brown, months for the fine, com-who had pleaded not guilty to pensation and costs to be paid. Mr Rees said Brown faced the prospect of having to

Changing face of communism

Prize cash to help buy family car

PORTFOLIO PLATINUM

Four winners shared yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio

Mrs Catherine Pollard, a school secretary and bursar, of Crawley, West Sussex, struck lucky when checking the numbers on behalf of her

"He had to leave early for a business meeting and asked me to do the competition for him so, in all fairness, I ought to hand the money over," she said. "But he will probably put it towards a new car which all the family will use anyway."

Mrs Valda Corney, of Dollar, Central Region, was another chance winner. "I do the competition very irregu-

larly," she admitted. The other winners were Mrs Rosemary Arundel, of Aivescot, Oxfordshire, and Mr Arthur Nixon, of Fleetville, near St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Sentencing plans 'may be foiled'

By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs Correspondent

An independent report has given a warning that the Government's radical plans to reform sentencing policy could be folled by resistance from the probation service.

The £125,000 study, commissioned, to the embarrassment of ministers, by the Home Office, says that Britain's 7,000 probation officers see themselves primarily as the interests of offenders as much as the courts and public,

That conclusion, in the study's final draft which the Home Office received a few weeks ago, implicitly challenges the Government's belief that it can ent the jail population by introducing tough new non-custodial sentences for

less serious offenders. Ministers accept that for the strategy to succeed probation officers, whose job includes recommending and supervising non-custodial sentences, must become far more punish-

ment orientated. However, Professor Martin Davies of the University of East Anglia, which conducted the research, said yesterday that the probation service would have to change beyond

all recognition.
"Officers will probably, on the face of it, go along with what the Home Office wants but if the courts don't see a radical shift in approach they simply will not use the new

The professor, a former probation officer and Home Office sociologist, said the issue was vital as parole changes to be outlined in a new

criminal justice White Paper to be published soon would increase the jail population. scious of the dilemma it faces: it wants, as much as anyone else, a smaller prison popula-

tion but it can't bring itself to act as a punishment agent," he said. The research, which says that probation training has drifted far away from its original focus on the penal

system, was based on inter-

views with 1,200 officers.

happen again," and also a fidence that the verdict on the

that mistake again.

Under the 1981 Representa-tion of the People Act the months. At times, emotionally, I have been at a very low ehh "

Mr Rees claimed the MP guilty of a criminal offence and detained for more than a had visited Mrs Longden to year in prison. Brown said that recover "politically-sensitive" dozen windows as well as MPs were "vulnerable" to tapes, documents and keys to cases such as this which were his Westminster office. Mrs "cobbled together by two in- Longden, aged 39, denied any considering an appeal on the dividuals," namely Mrs Long- knowledge of the existence of the tapes and also of trying to Despite the disclosures of obtain up to £20,000 from the his lengthy affair during the MP as a "settlement" for ending the affair.

(Mrs Longden) was trying to break up our marriage but, after 27 years, it takes a lot to both the theft and criminal damage charges, was said to have gone to Mrs Longden's remortgage his home in



Miss Nina Temple celebrating of the Communist Party of liamson writes). Miss Tem- ceded her appointment was a with her children. Rebecca, Britain. Miss Temple, aged 33, ple, of Hackney, east London, sign of changing times, heraldleft, aged three, and Oliver, may be the last to hold the said she fully intended to ing "a different style, a reaged one, yesterday after the post as the party debates its "spend time with her family appraisal of the party's announcement that she will be future in the wake of events in and enjoy life" while doing the purpose". Miss Temple suc-

appointed as general secretary eastern Europe (Nigel Wil- £7,500-a-year job. She con- ceeds Mr Gordon Maclennan.

Housing market

Estate agents see signs of recovery

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The first signs of a recovery in encouraging upturn in the the depressed property market number of first-time buyers are reported by Barnard Marring with our sales cus, the estate agents, in a offices." quarterly review of house • Annual house price infla-prices published yesterday. • • Annual house price inflaprices published yesterday.

The company says that its review, covering the last three mouths of 1989, indicates a gradual return of confidence and of first-time buyers to the market, which had seen sale prices fall by an average of 20 per cent over 12 months.

By the end of the year, with much of London property selling at prices similar to those of 1987, the volume of activity finally began to increase.

At the beginning of October, the percentage of first-time buyers among newly-registered applicants at the company's offices was 10 per cent, but by the end of the year, the figure was 33 per cent. "Nobody is claiming a 'mir-

H.E. S. WELLER acle cure' for the property TO SECURE OF THE PARTY OF THE P prolonged period of weakness, the patient is responding to treatment and is finally beginning to show signs of recovery," the report said.

Barnard Marcus, which bas 75 offices in the London area, said 1989 would be remembered as the year in which the worst predictions of the market analysts and merchant

bankers became a reality. It began with the market in 2 state of near-stagnation, with very few first-time buyers. This led to a proliferation of "chains".

"However, by the last quarter of the year, a combination of realistic pricing, the introdaction of more imaginative mortgage schemes and the gradual return of confidence in ese same buyers back into the market. The new decade - now begins with a clear and

three per cent in December 1989, against more than 34 per cent a year ago, according to a house-price survey published yesterday by the Halifax Building Society. Itshows that house prices in Britain have been falling for five mouths and are now more than three per cent below their peak in

Prices are continuing to fall throughout the South and Midlands, with only small increases elsewhere, but the price falls have generated stronger demand for mortgages in the South, mainly because there is now a buyers'

market there. House prices are now 16.3 per cent below their level a market - merely that after a year ago in East Anglia and around 10 per cent down elsewhere in the South. Prices paid by first-time buyers are, however, nine per cent higher than a year ago, and the average price of for a first-time buyer is now more than

> £52,400. The price of new houses was virtually unchanged in December, at one per cent above the

level a year ago. The Halifax says that the ratio of house prices to average earnings has fallen to 4.7 from its peak of about five. "Some further falls in house prices in 1990, and 9-10 per cent earn-ings growth could bring this ratio down to below four per cent by the end of the year. This will make houses more 'affordable' once more, and meral was slowly bringing sets the scene for a firm recovery in house prices in 1991, led once more by London and the South-east."

Kidneys for sale hearing Hospital director posed as potential donor

By John Young

A hospital director described yesterday how he posed as a potential kidney donor, using a false name, when he answered an advertisement in an Egyptian newspaper.

The advertisement, in Arabic, was headed "Urgent call for those with merciful hearts". It invited calls from donors with blood groups A or O and offered £10,000 plus expenses.

Mr Amine Saliba told the tee of the General Medical Council that the advertisement contained the names and telephone numbers of two doctors. One was Dr Raymond Crockett, who was responsible for several patients at what was then the MCI Hospital in Ealing, west London.

sional conduct commit-

The committee is hearing

charges of serious professional

misconduct against Dr Crock-

ett, a Harley Street kidney

and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist, who are alleged to have been involved in the sale of kidneys for transplant. All three deny the charges. Mr Saliba said he was "very surprised" to see the adver-

tisements in the Al-Ahram newspaper. He telephoned Dr Crockett's number and spoke to a woman he assumed to be his secretary. He gave his name as Ali Ahmed and said he came from

Egypt. He said he was willing donate his kidney but he had a few questions to ask. "Is it 10,000 Egyptian pounds or English pounds you are paying?" he asked. "It's £10,000 sterling," was the

reply. "Is it dangerous for my life if I donate a kidney?" The answer was no.

"Can I see a doctor to discuss it with him?" he asked. The answer was yes and that Mr Amine Saliba: Worried

ment with Dr Crockett. Mr Saliba said he was told his for the GMC, asked Mr Saliba kidney would go to a patient from Oman.

operation was going to take place. 'Is it a good hospital?" She said, 'Yes it is a good hospital, the Wellington Hospital'."



"I asked her where the

specialist; Mr Michael he could make an appoint- by newspaper advertisement. leader of the team of surgeons

business'.'

why he had made the call. Mr Saliba replied: "I wanted to make sure who had placed the advertisement because at that time Dr Crockett looked after so many patients at my hospital and I was a bit worried." Mr Saliba said that he saw

Dr Crockett either the next day or the day after. He told him he had seen the advertisement and was very upset. "He replied 'It is not your natient and none of your

Mr Saliba said that during 1987 there had been a rapid increase in the number of patients sent by the Turkish Embassy through Dr Crockett, from about two to something like 30 a year. All were sent for kidney transplant and dialysis.

Dr Crockett had been responsible for assessing the patients. During the transplant operations Mr Bewick was the and afterwards Dr Crockett resumed responsibility. The hospital would send the bill to the embassy and would also arrange to collect the fees on tehalf of the doctors involved. Cross-questioned by Mr

Anthony Arlidge, QC, for Dr Crockett, Mr Saliba said that a few months after his confrontation with Dr Crockett most of the Turkish patients were transferred to the National Kidney Centre in north London. Mr Saliba denied being

annoyed by the removal of the patients from the hospital, which at that time was in financial difficulties and was subsequently bought by a German group and renamed the Hillside Hospital. He said the hospital was

then mainly catering for open heart surgery and had a number of patients on its waiting list, mostly from Scandinavia.

The hearing continues

Parents to confront tobacco industry

By Jill Sherman Social Services

More than 100 famous parents yesterday launched a one-year campaign to prevent children from smoking by "building a blockade" between them and the tobacco

industry. The new organization, Parents Against Tobacco, has the Duke of Gloucester as its president. Members include Mr Richard Branson, the international businessman, Miss Hayley Mills the actress, and Sir George Young, a former

junior health minister. Parents Against Tobacco aims to stop illegal sales of cigarettes and curb tobacco advertising. Mr Des Wilson, of Citizen Action, is the group's chairman. He said that, until

now, too much of the debate had been

between smokers and non-smokers. "We

now intend to channel our energies into

confronting the tobacco industry directly. ren. The group is calling for the Our aim is to cut the industry off from its future by building a blockade between it and our children." Local Parents-Against-Tobacco

groups would be set up all over the

country. They would publicize local

retailers who ignored the law, he said, Consumer boycotts would be organized if they persisted in breaking the law. The campaign is backed by 150 MPs from all parties. If the Government failed to act by the autumn they would suppport a private member's Bill pressing for tosoher measures including a ban on

promotional material in shop fronts. One in five children aged 15 smoke regularly and about 300,000 children aged 11 to 15 are regular smokers. The celebrities yesterday arged the Government to make it mandatory for local authorities to survey shops and to prosecute those selling tobacco to childmaximum fine to be increased from £400 to £1,000 for a first offence and £10,000 for a third offence. A survey recently carried out in 212 shops in several areas of Britain found that one in two were defying the law and selling cigarettes to

The group will press Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to increase the tax on cigarettes.

The Tohacco Advisory Council vesterday accused the organization of going overboard in its confrontational campaign, with the "great and good" jumping on an emotional bandwagon.

"It is not a pandemic. Figures show that the number of child smokers are steadily falling," Mr Clive Turner, of the council, said. The number of cigarettes sold to those aged under 16 accounted for only 1 per cent of the £7.6 billion tobacco market, or £70m, he said.

MEP underlines role of tourism industry

By Shoua Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

Tourism now employs 101 last year boosted overseas million people - one in 16 of visitor totals to record levels, the world's workers - and it is but it was not clear yet pean country needs a full-time McMillan-Scott, a Conservative spokeman on tourism, said vesterday.

Mr McMillan-Scott, MEP for York and Tory spokesman virtually every country, and in on tourism in the European the developed countries, con-Parliament, told the "Wales Marches into Europe" conference in Llandrindod Wells that tourism had become the world's largest industry.

More than seven million

so important that every Euro- whether the decline in Europe's share of world tourism tourism minister, Mr Edward hah been halted, he said. "Travel and tourism employment, investment, output and added value exceed those of the traditional industries in

clothing or health care." Mr McMillan-Scott is the architect of European Tourism Year, which will be American visitors to Europe opened in Dublin this month.

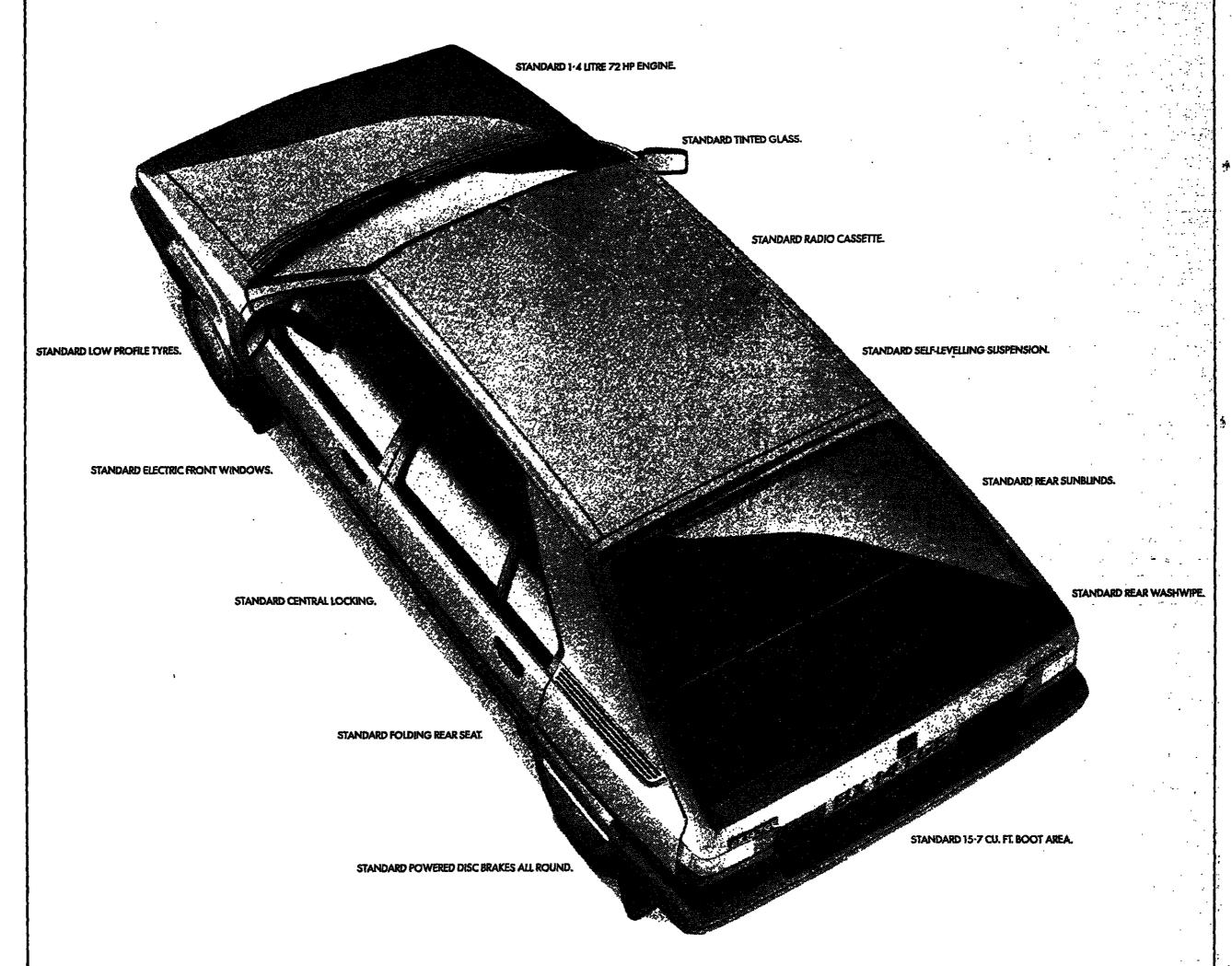
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Charity says health service ignores needs of infertile couples

By Jill Sherman Social Services Correspondent

The needs of over one million infertile men and women are being ignored by the National Health Service, the self-help group Child said yesterday.

About one in six couples has infertility problems and an estimated 100,000 people are waiting for specialist treatment at the country's 37 health service and private centres, the charity says. One hospital has a seven-year waiting list and many couples have to wait at least three years for

specialist treatment from when they first visit their GP.

Some couples are given inappropriate or delayed treatment, because GPs refer them to local district hospitals which do not have specialist facilities, according to the group. Mrs Sarah Biggs, Child vice-chairman, said tests for fertility were often done at the wrong time by some hospitals resulting in some inappropriate treatment.

"If the money wasted investigating couples inadequately in district hospitals were to be directed towards regional centres, most regions would be able to pro-vide a service whereby patients are general hospital, east London, and Leeds, said the health service diagnosed accurately and quickly, leading to more efficient and costeffective treatment," she said.

Launching a campaign for better facilities for the infertile. Mrs Biggs called for the creation of regional centres of excellence in reproductive medicine. "We would like to see one within 50 miles of most people," she said.

In many cases couples also have to contribute towards the treatment even if it is supposedly on the health service. Only two of the

St Mary's hospital, Manchester, are fully funded by the health service. Elsewhere, couples often have to pay £500 to £1,500 plus £1,000 for fertility drugs. Private treatment may cost £2,500 plus

the drugs bill. Mrs Biggs pointed out that under the health service reforms infertile couples are more likely to have to pay drugs bill because GPs may decide they cannot afford to prescribe them.

Mr David Brombam, a gynae-

"does very little for those whose reproductive system is not working as it should be. It is there to provide for those with ill-health, and infertility is an illness".

• Guidelines to protect patients involved in medical research are necessary because of an "explosion" of scientific knowledge in the past few years, the Royal College of Physicians said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

The safety of patients must be the overriding concern of doctors in the face of complex ethical problems such as those produced by embryo research, genetic engineering and the development of new drugs, the college said.

Revised and updated guidelines for researchers were published in two reports by the college yesterday. They emphasize the need for patients to be fully informed of the implications of research in which they are asked to take part, and their rights to refuse.

Only in exceptional circumstances can there be an argument for not telling patients taking part might prove to be better or worse than established therapies, the guidelines say. Examples would be when it would cause more distress to reveal the nature of the investigation, or where the patient cannot understand.

Guidelines on the Practice of Ethics Committees in Medical Research Involving Human Subjects and Research Involving Patients. (The Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE £8 each, £14 if purchased together).

Tory council defies | Fledgling falconry firm flies high MacGregor over school-running cost

By David Tytler, Education Editor

A Conservative council is to ment expected an approved considered at next month's defy the Government and run its own scheme to finance schools. It claims it will be unable to teach the National Curriculum if it accepts the Government's ruling on school budgets.

The Government has been criticized for insisting that school budgets should be set on average costs across the local authority area and not actual school-by-school costs when schools run their own affairs under the 1988 Education Reform Act.

Dr David Muffett, chairman of Hereford and Worcester education committee, said yesterday: "This is nonsense. The law requires us to deliver the National Curriculum but we will not be able to do it the Government's way.

Hereford and Worcester submitted a scheme which would have funded schools on actual costs but it was rejected by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science. He has asked the council to think again.

Dr Muffett said that the council will not be revising its plans but will proceed with its rejected scheme from April next year. He said that the council is not required to have demonstrated concluintroduce a government-ap-

proved scheme until 1993. The Department of Education and Science said last night that schemes would be phased in across the country from this April. The Governscheme to be introduced in full meeting of the council. Hereford and Worcester by impose its own scheme." Dr Muffett said his scheme

included a "balancing clause" students, with no input from which allowed funds to be public funds (Frances Gibb transferred to a school if it was failing to deliver the National Curriculum.

He said: "This could be because it could not afford to pay experienced teachers but there is a Baker's dozen of reasons why a school may need extra help. This cannot be done on a formula basis. If a school needs an extra £2,000 to put something right it is quite ridiculous to give £2,000 to our other 394 schools." Dr Muffett said that the

Government's scheme would deprive some schools "of many thousands of pounds worth of provision, while others will enjoy equally massive excesses of provision".

He added: "If after all our efforts we are then uncompromisingly ordered by the Secretary of State to take a course of action which, by that time I am convinced we shall sively is unwarrantable and ill-advised, we shall at least know that we did our best." At its meeting this week the

county education committee

unanimously approved the

 University law schools are April 1991. "We would hope dismayed over proposals flo-this can be done by negotia-ated by Lord Chilver, chairtion but the Government does man of the Universities have the right ultimately to Funding Council, that law courses should be entirely paid for by fee income from In the face of the expected

growth in student numbers, Lord Chilver had said that there were some courses, such as law, which is relatively cheap to run, which might be expected to pay for themselves entirely from fee income.

Such as move would mean that law students would have to pay the annual cost of courses themselves, about £2,200 a year, unless they could get loans or funding from big firms of solicitors.

Professor Graham Zellick, chairman of the committee of heads of Universities' Law Schools, said: "The practising profession and the academic community is alarmed in the extreme at this idea. The consequences of such a proposal would be absolutely catastrophic."

The academic discipline of law would wither as there "would be no-one to teach law and no one trained to teach law." He plans to raise the issue with Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chief executive of the Universities' Funding rebei plan which will be Council.





Mr Simon Crook, who is receiving an Enterprise Allowance grant of £40 week to launch a company making and supplying falconry equipment, flying his buzzard near his home in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. Mr Crock, aged 21, who owns two kestrels, started the

business after reviving a se interest in birds of prey. However, demand for his hand-made products is so great that he is soon to move from his semi-detached council house to a farm near the town. The move should also allow him to begin breeding birds. His

Smoking on airliners

range of supplies includes gloves and perches and bird hoods which take up to six hours to make. "I was happy to be off the dole, doing something I loved," he said. "But it's a real bonus to have so much work coming in. Falconry seems to be enjoying a revival at the moment."

Body find leads to check on 6,000 boys

By Ronald Faux

Police in Cumbria yesterday began an operation to ensure that every boy in the county aged between one and three is alive.

The investigation will involve checking records of more than 6,000 children after the discovery of the badly burned and mutilated body of a boy dumped among domestic refuse on a council tip at Millom on December 1. Every child in the Millom and Haverigg area of Cumbria has now been accounted for and police are widening the investigation, with 50 officers and the Home Office Large Major Inquiry System checking all available records to solve what is becoming a full murder inquiry with many puzzling facets.

Det Chief Inspector David Dawes, who is leading the investigation, said it was a case with no clues and no leads so far as to who the infant might be.

"The astonishing thing is we have had no reports of a missing child, no distressed parents or guardian of a child and we have ruled out all the sightings, nearly 100 of them, of anyone seen near the refuse tip on the evening before the body was found.

"Someone looked after him and fed him and someone other than the parents or guardian must have noticed that this toddler was no longer

around. Mrs Denise Cloudesdale, Mayor of Millom, said: "I'm sure police were convinced it was a local child but now the search is being widened this is

obviously less likely. "I always doubted it could have been a local. This is a people take an interest in their neighbours. Someone would have noticed a toddler was missing. It is horrific and I think people have tried to put it to the back of their minds."

Forensic tests have shown that the boy was already dead when his body was abandoned on the refuse tip on the outskirts of the town, two miles from the nearest house.

Mr Mike Gilbert, a council worker found the body among newly dumped rubble on December 1. He believes the child had been left the pre-

Other theories were that the toddler might have died in an accident after which the parents panicked and abandoned the body. Chief Inspector Dawes said: "If that is the case we appeal to them to come ended up an unknown in a

Remand on charge of murder

Michael Kyte, aged 48, was yesterday accused at Warminster magistrates' court, Wiltshire of murdering Miss Ruth Stevens, the missing bride-to-be whose bloodstained car was found aban-doned in a London housingestate just before Christmas.

Mr Kyte, of Gloucester Walk, Westbury, is charged with murdering Miss Stevens. aged 33, who also lived in Westbury, between December 11 and January 9. He was remanded in cus-

tody to appear before Trowbridge magistrates on Febmary 8. There was no application for bail and reporting restrictions were not lifted.

In memory

A garden of remembrance is to be laid at the spot where an IRA bomb killed 11 Royal Marine bandsmen in Deal, Kent, last September.

RAC apology

The Royal Automobile Club has apologized to thousands of motorists who, instead of receiving renewal notices, were told their membership had lapsed.

Student dies

Mr Stefan Dobinson, a politics student from Cleveland, fell to his death from a tower block at Lancaster University.

Drug overdose Two staff have been sus-

pended at Torbay hospital, south Devon, after a fourweek-old baby was said to have been given an overdose of morphine when recovering from an operation.

Water charges

Three charges against South West Water, resulting from an incident when 20 tons of aluminium sulphate polluted drinking water, were adjourned until February 27 by magistrates at Bodmin, Comwall, yeşterday.

Arcade guide

Mr Robert Davis, a councillor in Westminster and chairman of an amusement arcade action group, has written a guide to how councils can regulate and control arcades and amusement centres.

after their Ford Sierra car hit a

tree in Sherwood Forest, Notinghamshire, and broke

Three killed Three men died yesterday

Britten iazz concerto

Gala for Goodman Operators try to head off total ban clarinet movement

intended for Benny Goodperformed at a gala concert attended by the Queen.

Britten wrote sketches for the eight-minute piece when he was living in the United States at the start of the Second World War. However, when he returned to Britain, all his manuscripts were confiscated by US customs officials who thought he might be a spy writing in code.

When they were returned, the initial enthusiasm for the piece had passed and he was busy on "Peter Grimes", one of his most celebrated works. The sketches were put aside and have been in a drawer at the Red House ever since", a spokesman for the Aldeburgh Foundation said. The Red House was Lord Britten's horn, will also appear.

a composer who worked with the Britten-Pears Foundation. which manages the estate.

The Queen will be accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh. The aim is to raise the final £70,000 towards the £1 million Aldeburgh Appeal to safeguard Snape Maltings con-cert hall and the Britten-Pears School for Advanced Musical

Mstislav Rostropovich, the cellist, Lleana Cotrubas, soprano, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, and Richard Watkins,



Lord Britten: initial enthu-Benny Goodman: concerto siasm for score faded.

The world premiere of a home at Aldeburgh, Suffolk. movement from a clarinet The sketches have been orconcerto by Benjamin Britten, chestrated by Colin Matthews, man, the jazz musician, will be Lord Britten and is a trustee of

Michael Collins, the clarinettist, will perform the Goodman role with Tamas Vasary conducting the Britten-Pears Orchestra at the concert at the Barbican, City of London, on



written for the clarinettist.

by the trend towards a ban on smoking on inter-continental flights, if it leads to "furtive" smoking in toilets or other

dangerous areas. They are now mounting a campaign to persuade governments not to follow the lead of Canada, which surprised the aviation world by announcing a comprehensive smoking ban on all flights on Canadianregistered aircraft.

Many nations and airlines operate a smoking ban on short-haul services, but they have resisted an outright ban because, they say, surrep-titious smoking would in-crease the risk of fires.

The Canadian government originally announced that its domestic shuttle flights, says it Air France subsonic jet, transban would take effect from the takes passenger preferences fer to Concorde and arrive in

Airlines fear the safety of long- end of last year, but after into account. "On some New York at 8.45am the same range jets may be jeopardized representations from Cana- flights, especially within day. If he went via Heathrow, representations from Canadian Airlines, it delayed the introduction until July.

> Canadian Airlines, which also owns the booming Wardair company, calculates that, if the ban were applied to the route to Japan, which traditionally carries the greatest proportion of smokers, it could lose 12 per cent of its revenue as passengers switched to rival airlines.

> Other airlines fear the Canadian move could be followed by other governments and are anxious to put their case before they are caught in what they are convinced would be unwise legislation.

> British Airways, which already bans smoking on

flights, especially within Europe, we have large no smoking areas, but we keep the situation under constant review and react to the wishes of our customers at all times." Northern businessmen are increasingly choosing Air France rather than British Airways when they need to get to New York, beause it is faster and costs £1,000 less.

They can fly from Manchester to Paris Charles De Gaulle airport to catch a Concorde to New York, pay £1,318 less for the return trip than from Heathrow, and still arrive an hour earlier.

Typically, a passenger would leave Manchester at 7.30am to fly to Paris on an

he could leave an hour later and catch the British Airways Concorde leaving at 10.30am, but he would arrive an hour later than if he had transferred at Paris. He would pay £4,256 for the supersonic flight from Heathrow on a British Airways Concorde, compared to £2,938 with Air France.

Nonetheless, BA's Concorde flights are flying almost full on every trip. Even with the lower fares,

Air France claims that it is still making money from its Concorde services. Regional airports are to

double the amount of money they borrow to spend on developing new terminals and

forward and clear up this mystery. It will be extremely sad if this baby boy simply improving facilities in the coming year, to £59 million.

Witness says police told him suspect 'in IRA'

A prosecution witness at the trial of six men convicted of the Birmingham pub bombings said yesterday that a police officer told him just before he gave evidence that John Walker, one of the accused, was an IRA lieutenant.

Mr Noel Walsh, aged 40, a former public house landlord from Birmingham, said he thought the uniformed police constable was acting as an usher, showing witnesses into the court room at Lancaster Crown Court, during the trial in 1975.

Mr Walsh's claim came only a day after it was confirmed that Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary. was considering other new subconvicted of bombing two Birmingham pubs in 1974, killing 21 people.

Mr Walsh, from Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, said he had been called to give evidence about Patrick Hill, one of the accused, who drank with the others in the Crossways public house in Erdington, Birmingham, where Mr Walsh was landlord.

Mr Walsh said yesterday that he had been prepared to give evidence about Hill, who had arrived at the Crossways pub with a suitcase and said he was going to "bomb the town", which he had assumed was a joke. However, he said he had also been prepared to tell the court that he believed John Walker was innocent,

as he was not the kind of man who could carry out the bombings.

Mr Walsh said that shortly before he was called to give evidence, he had said he thought Walker was innocent while talking to police officers in a corridor outside the courtroom. He said the constable told him that Walker was a high-ranking IRA officer and then said: "Do you know Walker was an IRA lieutenant?"

Mr Walsh said yesterday that he was shocked, "It threw me. At the time I believed it. I felt disillusioned. You think you know a person and want to try and help, and then that is told to you. I was in a daze. I just wanted to get out of that court."

He added, hoever, that when he

opportunity to say that he believed

Walker was innocent.

Mr Walsh, a married man with three daughters, said he had come forward after publicity about an inquiry into alleged fabrication of evidence by members of the serious crime squad of West Midlands police, the force which investigated the bombings.

Mr Walsh said: "I would be prepared to go to court and say what I know. This is not a grudge thing. I like the police, but you read about people being in prison for something they have not done. I would not say 100 per cent that all of the six are innocent, but maybe there might be some who had nothing to do with it."

Preserved genes may resurrect extinct animals

By Nick Nuttall Technology Correspondent

Scientists are attempting to resurrect an insect that died more than 40 million years ago by using its pre-served genetic code.

If they succeed, some researchers predict that other extinct animals, including dinosaurs, could also be resurrected from their remains. The fossilized insect, a fungus gnat, has been preserved in mineral amber with some of its genetic code in pristine

Genetic engineers at the University of California believe that technology has advanced so far that strands of the insect's genetic blueprint can be excised. They plan to insert this code into the eggs of a living descendant to produce a clone of the ancient gnat. News of the work comes as Russian

scientists are trying to recreate the woolly mammoth from frozen specimens found in Siberia. In this case, they hope to insert strands of the manmoth's DNA, its genetic "build-ing blocks", into an elephant's ovam.

Dr Harry Moore, a geneticist at London Zoo, said that the work highlighted the rapid pace of development in genetic engineering. He emphasized that techniques did not yet exist to replicate a living

animal from the genetic code gleaned

from blood cells, skin or other tissue.

However, "the way things have moved

in the last few years, it may be possible

in 30 or 40 years". At London Zoo, researchers are setting up a freezer bank to preserve the sex cells of endangered species, including the black rhinoceres. Dr Moore said that they were also planning to preserve genetic strands of animals. The possibility that dinosaurs might be revived hinges on the hope that a well-preserved specimen will be found with some strands of DNA intact.

Dr Moore said there were already chemical techniques capable of amplifying a million times tiny amounts of DNA. These techniques are being har-

nassed by scientists at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to map the genetic code of the bones of men who lived thousands of years ago. Such mapping reveals valuable cines about a creature's ancestry. Dr Moore said that the 200 project was also designed for "the possibility

of being able to transfer the strands

into an appropriate nucleus". Half a

billion animal species are thought to

have once existed on Earth yet just two

per cent are alive today, and the

numbers are falling. Extinction has almost invariably been at the hand of

Dr Cyril Walker, of the Natural History Museum, London, said that the museum was receiving an increasing number of letters from scientists asking for bits of extinct animals for genetic research.

"I have a letter on my desk at this moment from someone at the University of Cincinnati asking if I can send a bit of Dodo bone or two so he can look at nucleotide blood cells. All part and parcel of this whole business," he said. He does not believe, however, that

we would find out how they worked

and more accurately what they looked

museums would go out of business if genetic engineers succeeded in bringing extinct animals back to life. "It would be great if they could. At least

Medical facilities at soccer 'amateurish'

Medical staff who treated the Taylor inquiry. Some were ties at soccer grounds.

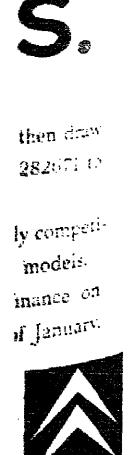
They claimed that Lord could not have been safely grounds in future.

used to help treat victims. submitted their evidence to forced by law.

casualties of the disaster at the spectators at the match, while Hillsborough football stadium others responded to media yesterday attacked the appeals for help and went to "amateurish" medical facil- the ground.

They have now formed the Medics at Hillsborough Work-Justice Taylor's interim report ing Party, which includes docon the tragedy was wrong to tors, a nurse and a medical conclude that a defibrillator - student, to make recoma machine which applies an mendations on the provision electric current to the heart - emergency service at football

They recommend that com-The medical personnel who mittees of experts should be tended the injured and dying responsible for safety proafter the crush at the FA Cup cedures at matches and simisemi-final in which 95 Liver- lar events, and that their pool fans were killed have arrangements should be en-



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Ceausescu mythology flourishes in Dracula's domain

The dogs howled. The peasant made a clucking noise to urge on his cart horse. Night had siumped on Transylvania and the towers of Bran Castle, poking up over the valley, were only darkly visible.

"We are all Draculas," some worthy German tourist has scrawled in the guest book of the 14th-century fortress that may, or may not, have been a residence of Vlad the Impaler. Nicolae Ceausescu was obsessed by Vlad, the model for Bram Stoker's Dracula.

Now there, according to Ceausescu era history, was a true Romanian leader! Firm with his people but fighting for independence from the Turks (read, in modern times, the Russians).

"With his political vision, his diplomatic expertise and his great military capabilities, he embodied the very spirit of history," said a Romanian journal in 1977, on the 500th anniversary of Vlad's death.

in case anyone missed the point, Elena Ceausescu told her husband in a speech: "A man like you is born only every 500 years." First Vlad, then Ceausescu. Only another



leader with sceptre, his honor-

ary doctorate robes, his

respectful Pergamon Press

biography, his collected speeches in Korean, photo-

graphs with Mr Richard Nixon and the Queen — the

main point is to establish him

as a man of destiny.

499 years to go. Ceausescu gets little mention. Dracula, of with recorded wolf howls. bent history, deformed it at course, had to be cleaned up if Ceausescu cancelled the was going to serve a useful project. modern purpose. No more blood sucking. seum in Bucharest - the

In the Borgo Pass (remember Bram Stoker's invitation: "My coach is waiting for you at the Borgo Pass and will bring you to my castle - your friend, Dracula"), which really bears the name Pasul Tihuta, there were plans to build a A line is drawn from Vlad to Dracula hotel with loudspeak-Ceausescu and communism ers that would greet tourists stood figure. In Sighisoara, the cu-like faces and sticks yacht harbour, a fine park, and

In each of the many stations of Dracula's life - in Bran, in Hunedoara Castle, in Brasov, in Bistrita (where the hapless Jonathan Harker spent his last night before falling victim to the Transylvanian prince) there is no mention of vampires or blood-letting. Vlad emerges as a decent, if sometimes painfully misunder-

place. There is a simple plaque and, inside, a scrappy res-taurant whose menu has marginally improved since the lived here." Previously he was new revolutionary leadership anned food exports.

Vlad the Impaler earned his nickname by sticking Turks on to sharpened poles until their stomachs exploded. Once, when questioned by a vassal how he could possibly eat breakfast surrounded by the stench of so many corpses, Vlad humorously insisted on impaling him on a particularly high pole so that he "could breathe cleaner air". Turks on poles were positioned along the roadside like milestones. Nowadays, the stench around Bran wafts over from

the factories of nearby Cluj and Brasov, and from the poisonous exhausts of Dacia The poles have been replaced by billboards which

of a surprisingly youthful Ceausescu and some of his more memorable sayings.

local council was ordered not through the heart. The revolu-to sensationalize Vlad's birth-tion has arrived.

"I must tell you," says a guide to Bran Castle, "nobody knows whether Vlad really not allowed to confess such doubts; since Christmas he can utter the heresy.

Vlad, like Ceausescu, his spiritual descendant, had casties everywhere. Since Bran was the most imposing in Transylvania — it juts up like a Disneyland fantasy - and since nobody dared to challenge Vlad's authority, it follows that he took over the

There is no other evidence.

A more likely bet is Hunedoara. This, plainly, was a model for Ceausescu: a net-work of escape tunnels stretch underneath the most into the countryside. Fast stallions, rather than white helicopters, awaited him. Ceausescu grasped better even than the leaders of neighbouring Communist countries that the country could not be governed until Christmas bore portaits

solely from the capital. Instead, like Vlad, he ro-Now they are just blank tated residences. On the shore spots and the posters are of the Snagov lake, both Vlad scraped clean. Children make and Ceausescu had summer houses. Ceausescu's had a snowmen with funny Ceauses-

It contains his grave, or at least a grave plate. Here Vlad fell, in 1477, fighting the Turks. That is the version of the Ceausescu historians. The other legend is that he was attacked from behind by a former friend and decapitated. Bram Stoker's Dracula, it will be recalled, had his throat cut while a knife was run through



his heart. He then decomposed, leaving a pile of

Ceausescu's death is already the subject of legend. Not everybody in Romania believes that he was really shot. Perhaps a deal was struck that allowed the dictator to escape abroad?

It is a mark of the new freedom that such subjects can

inside the usual marble and Romanians across a Transylgold. Vlad's was more modest. vanian restaurant table. The crucial thing is that most Romanians — above all the Securitate killers — actually believe that the dictator is

Whether he has really become a pile of dust is not, two weeks into the revolution, of

great political importance. But the mythology of Ceausescu's death is en-couraged not only by the hasty military trial and the heavily edited pictures of his corpse-Why were there no pictures of Elena's corpse? And what has happened to the corpses? There appears to have been an ... argument within the revolutionary leadership as to whether to embalm Ceausescuor cremate him. Either way, the mummy or the ashes, would have to be removed

from Romania. As if bound by some primitive superstition, nobody in the revolutionary leadership wants to discuss this grisly

subject. In Bran, meanwhile, they are resorting to more tra-ditional antidotes — chewing garlic and erecting wooden crosses on the wayside - lest the deposed dictator return be discussed openly with from the dead.

Top dissident calls for protests

Romanians 'face Communist danger'

From Christopher Walker Bucharest

One of Romania's most prominent dissidents under the Ceausescu regime has warned her countrymen that Communists who served the executed dictator now threaten to regain control of the country. She urged workers to take to the streets in renewed demonstrations.

Mrs Doina Cornea's warning came as a crowd of up to 1,000 Romanians besieged the passport office in Bucharest to obtain travel documents in the wake of a government decree allowing free travel abroad.

But the lifting of the travel restrictions was tempered by growing criticism of the National Salvation Front which seized power from Ceausescu

Mrs Cornea, one of the country's most distinguished dissidents, said in an interview in Clui: "Now is the time to demonstrate. If the workers are strong then they can keer the revolution going.

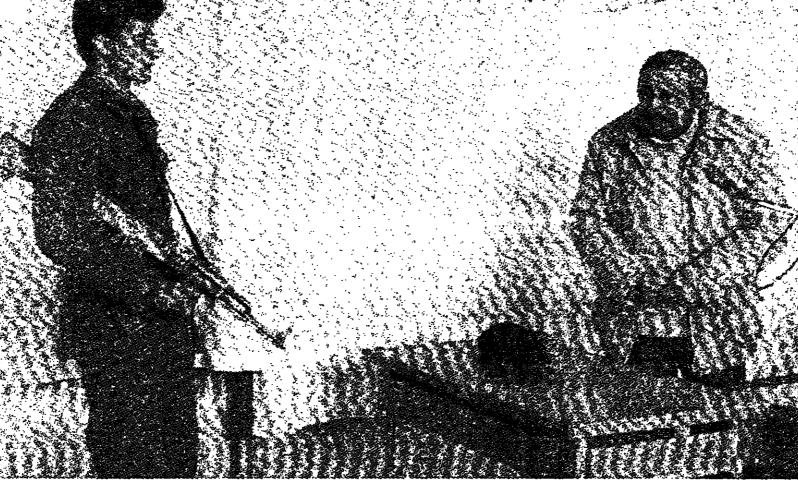
'The people are unhappy. Every day workers come to see me and say: 'Why did you carry out the revolution, can't you see that the same old people are still in power? People are beginning to contre! the situation with fear and

in the face of a growing number of shootings and lynchings, the interim Goverament yesterday issued an urgent appeal for calm and urged the people not to indulge in revenge killing against supporters of the former Ceausescu regime.

The appeal was broadcast nationally and published in decision to issue the appeal the Romanian press. It also called on the population to abandon the Stalinist practise again be plunged into instabilof anonymous denunciations ity if law and order cannot be widespread under the old dictatorship.

The majority of the revenue attacks against suspected collab trators appear to have been the December revolution. taking place in the provinces, where the Army's grip is less secure. Even in the capital, month's execution of the there have been a number of Ceausescus, the widespread unexplained shootings in re-

The appeal mentioned of the former dictator which Typical of the ugly new source of information about "executions without trial" and still hangs by a rope from a mood is the large notice the birth pangs of the new



Under guard: Major Ion Bundea, Sibiu militia chief, at his trial for attempted murder during the Romanian revolution. He was sentenced to nine years' jail. snow-covered tree near the pinned to a wall in the city order, lights are switched off at Arab governments that their reports spoke of whole families being terrorized.

"These are criminal actions which are happening and remind us of the old dictatorship," the statement said. "They are foreign and completely opposed to the new democratic climate."

In diplomatic circles the was seen as confirmation of fears that the country could restored quickly. The call coincided with the opening of the first televised trials of those who violently opposed

Although the death sentence was abolished after last desire for revenge is symbolized by the grotesque effigy of the former dictator which

centre of Bucharest, Shrines to the dead which dot the city's streets, attended at all times by large crowds

graphs and death notices of Geneva (Reuter) - Princess Margherita, eldest daughter of King Michael, the former king of Romania, and several friends of the country living in the West have formed an association to safeguard Romania's artistic and cultural

with candles, and the photo-

under Ceausescu. victims still appearing daily in the newspaper, Romania Libera, have helped to maintain a high state of emotion against those who fought in defence of

heritage. The group aims to re-

verse the destruction of culture

centre. "Citizens. Check your is not a matter for shame. The of their proximity to the criminals are amongst us." Instant identity checks have structed by Ceausescu. become commonplace, particularly on public

Because of the ubiquitous nature of the old security police, many ordinary Romanians have strong suspicions about individuals they believe may have been connected with it. Observers doubt that government appeals can prevent continuing acts of revenge as feeling against the excesses of the old rulers runs convinced that "foreign

transport.

In the heavily-guarded radio and television headquarters, the engine room of the revolution and the main

night for fear of snipers. papers and check among those Studios in certain key areas around you," it demanded. "It remain out of bounds because

> In remoter regions of the country, security alerts are still commonplace with the conviction reported to be widespread among the new leaders that counter-revolutionary violence can be expected. Urgent measures are being taken to boost security at Bucharest airport in case of sabotage attacks against flights of the national airline, Tarom.

Most Romanians remain agents", notably Arabs, were involved in the defence of the old dictatorship. The conviction has been unshaken by repeated denials from the long-term inmates not af-Palestine Liberation fected by the amnesty attacked Organization and a number of prison guards.

nationals took part in the fighting. As a result, diplomatic reports speak of many Arab students afraid to venconcealed network conture out for fear of attack.

@ Prison riot: The Army was forced to take control of Bucharest's main prison yesterday after three days of rioting, apparently over a government amnesty (Reuter reports). Relatives of prisoners said three had been killed but officials only said that 10 inmates were injured. An army major at the prison

said the situation was under control. About 100 inmates were due to be released yesterday from the prison, about 10 miles outside Bucharest. under an amnesty decreed by the National salvation Front last month. The major said

Threat by New Forum fails to gain support From Ann McElvoy, East Berlin

groups have refused to support a New Forum threat to quit the round-table talks with the Government if plans to reestablish a security service are not cancelled.

They are concerned that they are losing public support by opting out of talks with the

New Forum's ultimatum follows the suspension on Monday of the talks after the Government failed to satisfy the opposition that it was serious about dissolving the country's former security service, the Office of National Security. At least 60,000 of the former 85,000 employees of the office are still at their

Frau Ingrid Koppe, a New Forum spokesman, said the Government was clearly act- a disgraced senior official of ing against the wishes of the majority of opposition groups who was under investigation in the country if it went ahead with its proposed formation of committed suicide, according an agency for the protection of to a West German press report the constitution before the

May elections. The Government insists that such an organization is necessary to tackle the threat of neo-Nazism in the country. Herr Konrad Weiss, of Democracy Now, said it was time the opposition ceased threatening and was seen to be

constructive as the election campaign gets under way. All of the main opposition groups agreed to hold a demonstration tomorrow when the East German Parliament meets to discuss future security policy in view of the perceived increase in neo-Nazi activity.

The opposition is also demanding greater access to the media, which is still dominated by the communist facilities in the run-up to the offering to support a joint May elections.

The Monday evening demonstration in Leipzig, attended by 150,000 people, showed a fresh hostility towards the Socialist Unity (communist) Party with many demonstrators carrying ban- Olympic Committee to disners accusing it of exaggerat- cuss the idea at its next ing the threat from the right to meeting in September.

East Germany's opposition enhance its own electoral chances.

Meanwhile, East Germany, has publicly rehabilitated its national anthem, "A Rhythm -.. from Ruins", after 18 years of suppressing the lyrics and allowing only the tune to be played in public.

The cause of the ban was th. pro-reunification line.
"Deutschland einig Vaterland" - Germany one father ... land - now chanted by demonstrators across the

country at pro-unity marches. East German newspapers and television have publicized the lyrics, unknown to most young East Germans, and Neues Deutschland, the communist party daily, said the decision of Herr Erich

Bonn — Fran Johanna Töpfer, office. (Reuter reports). Fran Topfer was also a member of parliament under former President Honecker.

Honecker, the former leader, to ban the lyrics had contributed to "a loss of identification with the state and country"

• BONN: Berlin's chances of hosting the Olympic Games. on both sides of the Wall in 2000 or 2004 were given. another important boost yes-. terday when Hamburg announced that it was withdrawing its candidature (Ian Murray writes). It was the most important West German contender for the expensive honour of staging the Games, but Herr Henning Vorschauer, the Mayor, said yesterday party and a share in the party's that he was withdrawing and

> Last weekend the East German National Olympic Committee said it would support the application and West Berlin wants the International

application by the divided

US missile cuts talks in Moscow

Secretary of State, will visit opposed a Soviet demand that Moscow early next month to a common fleet of surveil- covered. try to remove obstacles to a US-Soviet treaty cutting longrange nuclear missiles, American government officials announced yesterday.

Mr Baker will hold discussions with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, from February 6-7 and is considering a visit to Czechosiovakia as a sign of US support for democratic reforms in the country. Mosdates for the trip or the topic of the talks.

It is possible that Mr Baker will also raise with his Soviet counterpart the differences that have emerged over President Bush's "open skies" proposal, under which both sides would be able to carry out surveillance flights of each other's territory in order to verify the arms reductions agreed on at Geneva summits.

Mr Baker and Mr Shevardnadze will both be going to Ottawa later in February to attend a special "open skies" conference for Nato and War-

saw Pact foreign ministers. Yesterday, a Canadian of troops stationed in West Ger- next week.

From Susan Ellicott in Washington and John Best in Ottawa Mr James Baker, the US ficial said the West firmly only the territories of the two pair the chances of the open military alliances would be

lance aircraft should be employed by the two sides to fly over one another's territory, and that intelligence data gathered in the flights be

He also rejected a Soviet

official said.

demand that American bases bassy in Ottawa, said in a all over the world be brought newspaper interview yeswithin the embrace of the terday that the differences plan. Under President Bush's over standardized equipment proposals, approved by Nato, and offshore bases could im-

only American and Soviet

Czech troop deadline

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The new Government in many among personnel cut-Czechoslovakia wants all Sov- backs. Under Nato proposals iet troops out of the country by the end of this year, the Foreign Ministry in Prague said vesterday.

The decision to push for the early deadline, which took Western diplomats by surprise, could affect the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks which resume in

Vienna on Friday. This would be resisted, the The Soviet Union is trying to include British and French sources said. The demand will be discussed with Moscow

"We cannot negotiate overflights of the Philippines, for instance, and we will have to

tell the Soviets that," the Mr Igor Liakin-Frolov, councillor of the Soviet Em-

have agreed to cut long-range

troop levels are to be reduced - to 270,000 on each side. Diplomatic sources said it was possible that, if the Soviet Union agreed to the milateral troops by December, it might try to insist on proportional cuts by Britain and France.

skies plan. However, Canadian of-

ficials rejected suggestions that the differences could scuttle the plan. "We are extremely optimistic," one official said. In his talks with Mr Shevardnadze in Moscow

next month, Mr Baker will try

to resolve the principle stumbling blocks in the negotia-tions on long range missiles so that a treaty can be ready for signing in the summer. The superpowers, who have been discussing strategic arms cuts since 1985 in Geneva,

6,000 warneads each over seven vears. There is an important difference over the rules for counting air-launched missiles, however.

missile arsenals by one-half to

Moscow has also proposed limits of 400 nuclear and 600 conventional sea-launched cruise missiles. Washington has said that the two nations should only make non-binding declarations of the numbers of nuclear, sea-launched missiles, which are not included in the 6,000 limit.

Poison umbrella murder affair

Markov widow seeks Bulgaria inquiry By Michael Knipe lomatic Correspondent

Mrs Annabel Markov, the widow of Georgi Markov, the Bulgarian émigré who was killed by a poisoned pellet in London's most notorious political assassination 12 years ago, has flown to Sofia in the hope of persuading Bulgaria's new rulers to investigate his murder.

She said yesterday that she had been heartened by news from Bulgaria that her husband had been rehabilitated and that his writings could now be sold in Bulgaria. She had, she said, decided to fly to Bulgaria in an attempt to discover the details of his

Markov, a celebrated Bulgarian writer and broad-caster, died after a man jabbed him with an umbrella tip on Waterloo Bridge.

A post mortem examina-tion revealed a 2 mm puncture in his right thigh and forensic scientists, with the help of scientists from the Government's chemical defence establishment at Porton



Georgi Markov, who was assassinated with a poison pellet, and his wife, Annabel, who is seeking a Sofia investigation. recovered from his body had from Radio Free Europe, contained a dose of 0.2 of a which attracted an estimated milligram of ricin, a poison

twice as powerful as cobra Markov had been a protégé of Mr Todor Zhivkov, Bulgaria's veteran Communist leader ousted last month, but had became sickened by the solutely vitriolic" and led to corruption and defected in

After settling in London, he began broadcasting a weekly cultural programme for the 1.52 mm-wide pinhead pellet series of weekly programmes vinced he was killed by a hired



audience of at least five

Mrs Markov said that when her husband was refused permission to return to see his dying father in 1977 his broadcasts became "abhim receiving threats to his

At the time, the Bulgarian Government denied complicity in the murder, but Mrs

Bulgarian Politburo, "I think that this really has to be cleared up before we can see a new Bulgaria because it is astain on its reputation," Mrs Markov said in an interview with BBC television. "It was one of the worst

crimes of the Cold War. If ever there was a moment when the truth could come out about this, it is now.' A Foreign Office spokes-

man said he now expected the Bulgarian authorities to be more open about the affair. There have been noises coming out of the Bulgarian Embassy here that they appreciate this was not exactly a commendable way to carry on so we hope they will afford her some kind of assistance," the spokesman said. "We think the new atmosphere in Bulgaria will help to ensure that, Mrs Markov's mission bears fruit."

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, a personal friend of the Markovs, last month called on the Bulgarian Down, discovered that a BBC's Bulgarian Service and a Markov said she was con- authorities to open up the books on the case.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

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of Romania said yesterday the reforms they had made provided a basis to restore special trade rights with the US (Reuter reports). A Foreign Ministry statement said that moves by the National Salvation Front had improved the atmosphere for a return to most favoured nation status.

kinds of production to partickinds of production to particular countries as part of the centralized planning system whereby the Soviet Union supplies the resource-poor East European economies tast European with energy and raw materials in exchange for East European manufactured goods.

Mr Georgi Atanasov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister,

Sthe meeting. There have been deep and radical changes in Comecon countries, and we in Connecon will be a turning-point in the history of Our organization."

Comecon was formed in 1949 under the guidance of the Soviet Union and has controlled trade between Sovietallied countries ever since. Its tain parts or technology member states are the Soviet bought with precious hard Bulgaria, Czecho- currency in the West.

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Mr Nemeth proposed that work begin immediately on devising a new statement of the organization's raison of economic planning which all the European members of As a bound by the organization's raison of economic planning which is the organization of economic planning which is t

Comecon operates a glorified barter system in which the governments of member states agree on the quantities of goods to be exchanged and order their state enterprises to deliver them at prices which generally bear no relation whatever to the production

If one side fails to deliver the goods, or another country wants more, payment is made in "transferable roubles" Comecon's accounting unit. In fact, the "transferable rou-ble" is not transferable at all and is not even convertible into the currencies of other Comecon countries.

One of the system's anomalies is that a member state that builds up a trade surplus with its partners within the bloc incurs a heavy loss because the "transferable roubles" it accumulates cannot be used for goods either from other Comecon countries or from the West.

Criticism of the restraints imposed by Comecon is strongest in Czechoslovakia and Hungary, two of the more advanced East European economies, both of which have built up useless surpluses of "transferable roubles". They complain that other Comecon countries offer only shoddy manufactured goods while their own products often con-

Families wait to touch after 43 years apart

From Jean-Jacques Cazaux Poldasht, Iran

Fired by nationalism, Islam and family solidarity, the residents of this desolate village in Iranian Azerbaijan are poised to embrace relatives and friends in the Soviet Union after a lapse of 43 years.

Hundreds of Iranian Azerbaijanis have gathered on the southern bank of the Aras River, separating this section of northern Iran from the Azerbaijani enclave of Nakhichevan in the Soviet Union, to shout greetings and slogans to their Shia Muslim co-religionists on the northern

On the Soviet side, im-passioned Azerbaijanis from the town of Shahtakhti dip their feet in the frigid waters of the Aras, which had been closed off to them by Soviet border guards since 1946.

A sudden surge in Azerbaijani nationalism in Nakhichevan over the past few weeks, during which border installations were destroyed, impelled Soviet authorities to relax restrictions near the river. Leaders of the southern republic have agreed to allow freet movement for ethnic Azerbaijanis on either side of the border, local journalists said.

Here in Poldasht, a muddy and long-forgotten commu-nity of 6,000, the demonstra-tions took civil, religious and military authorities by sur-prise, although they had been aware of the profound and emotional feelings that linked the two peoples.

The local religious leader, Hojatoleslam Mohammad Hosseinzadeh, recalled that the first Azerbaijani brothers who appeared on the northern bank came to ask about their



Azerbaijanis joyously greet a Soviet border guard after the Kremlin eased access to the Aras River, the Iran border.

in other parts of the republic". A wave of protest from Baku has shaken all of Soviet Azerbaijan, he said.

The wave has knocked down 20 observation towers between here and Jolía (an Iranian town 25 miles to the families (in Iran) and to tell us east), torn up barbed wire and

Republic (of Iran) nor the Azerbaijanis. Soviet Union. On the contrary, our Azerbaijani brothers are convinced they have achieved a victory in reaching

Soviet Azerbaijanis, he said,

what was happening in Baku destroyed a border installa- have no claim on Iranian (the capital of Azerbaijan) and tion. But in no way does it territory and seek only an end pose a danger of getting out of to a ban on free movement hand, neither for the Islamic and contacts with Iranian

> Mr Valentin Nikiforov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, has announced that border crossings were to be simplified, allowing free exchanges between people living

opposite one another. Family feelings have been maintained despite the 1947 destruction by Soviet authorities of the bridge across the Aras.

But there is talk of a new bridge, with unconfirmed reports that it could be in operation by the middle of the

Agence France Presse

Kaifu aid pledge for Poland and Hungary

From Ian Murray Bonn

Japan is putting together a multi-million dollar aid package for Hungary, Poland and other East European countries, Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese Prime Minister, announced during a visit to West Berlin yesterday.

He said that Poland was to receive \$150 million (£93.7 million) to help stabilize its currency and a further \$25 million for immediate food aid. Both Poland and Hungary were being granted \$500 mil-lion in credits by the Japanese Export and Import Bank. A further \$100 million was being made available for trade guar-antees, and \$25 million would be spent on providing technical and expert advice and

Mr Kaifu promised continuing economic help as well as cultural exchanges and said Japan was ready to do all it could to promote reform with the aim of developing democracy and a free market economy. The need to help ensure stability in the Soviet Union, Japan's neighbour in the east, had been a foremost consideration.

Mr Kaifu, who had talks in Bonn with Herr Helmut Kohl. the Chancellor, in the morning, also said he hoped that German reunification could be achieved in a context of peace and security.

During their talks, the Chancellor called on Mr Kaifu to do more to open up Japanese markets to West German products.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Emissary to ease

Peking (Reuter, AP) - Mr Igor Rogachov, the Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, began a three-day visit here yesterday raid signs of an apparent strain in Soviet-Chinese relations prompted by the rapid speed of change in Eastern Europe. He told reporters at Peking airport that he hoped to hold "fruitful and friendly" discussions during his stay. He added that Sino-Soviet relations had developed quickly since President Gorbachov visited China last May.

Tass said in Moscow that Mr Rogachov's visit would be taken up with discussion of bilateral issues and with the situation in Cambodia. His visit comes before a United Nations Security Council meeting in Paris on Cambodia. • Chinese gesture: China's leaders prepared yesterday to declare an end to the 7-month-old martial law in Tiananmen Square and possibly elsewhere in the capital.

Peace process threat Jerusalem - The Middle East peace process yesterday

approached crisis point, with both US and Israeli officials casting doubt on the prospects for a meeting of Israeli, US and Egyptian foreign ministers next month to set up an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue (Richard Owen writes). Israel rebuffed US criticism of its decision to impose a travel ban on leading Palestinian activists. It warned Washington that the peace process would be deadlocked unless Israel was given a "categorical" assurance that the Palestine Liberation Organization would be excluded from negotiations.

Peru assassination

Lina - A former Peruvian Defence Minister was assassin ated when terrorists machine-gunned his car as he drove through a Lima suburb (Corinne Schmidt writes). A spokesman for the Interior Ministry said the attack on Senor Enrique Lopez Albugar, who served as Peru's Defence Minister until last July, appeared to be the work of Maoist Shining Path guerrillas. The group has targeted government officials throughout its nine-year war to overthrow Peru's democratically elected government.

Kuala Lampur - Brune: has released six political prisoners detained since 1962 after an abortive revolt, apparently under pressure from the British Government, according to burces here (M. G. G. Pillai writes). They were released on Saturday by Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, the Sultan of Brunei, now on holiday in London. The sources said the release came after Mr R. W. "Tiny" Rowland, the chief executive of Lourho, wrote to Mrs Margaret Thatcher in November. One of those freed is a brother of the 1962 revolt's leader.

Canada nuclear plan

Toronto (Renter) - Canada has rekindled its faith in the nuclear power industry with a plan by its largest power supplier to spend \$17.2 billion (£10.4 billion) on 10 new reactors over the next 25 years. Outario Hydro company last month proposed spending \$53 billion by the year 2014 on new nuclear, gas and hydro-electric stations, and on refurbishing coal plants, to meet the projected energy needs of Ontario. The state-run Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd (AECL), which will build Ontario's new reactors, believes the 1990s will see a resurrection of nuclear power.

Argentine costs soar

Buesos Aires - Argentine living costs soared in December biring 1989's inflation to a record-breaking 5,000 per cent, seconding to official figures (Reuter reports). After four months of apparent success, President Menem's austerity rogramme yielded to a price explosion, when the cost of iving jumped 40.1 per cent.

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Bush calls off drug 'blockade' after Colombian outcry

mal announcement about it.

President Barco, facing a re-

One US administration of-

terday as suggesting the plan

deploy military assets without

Senator John Kerry, Demo-

In a further sign of Latin

American displeasure, the

Organization of American

States voted 16-0 on Monday

search by American soldiers of

Six nations abstained, in-

Sunday that his Government had not authorized and "will

postponed and played down naval task force off the Colombian coast because of the furious reaction in Colombia.

The aircraft-carrier USS John F. Kennedy and the election battle in May, said on nuclear-powered cruiser USS Virginia left for the southern Caribbean last Thursday night not participate" in any joint but are now engaged in what operations with the US Navy. the Pentagon describes as The plan was denounced by routine training exercises off the media and opposition

The State Department has disputed media reports that ficial was quoted here yesthe objective of the aircraftcarrier group was to mount a might have to be shelved for "blockade" of Colombia to some time. "It isn't smart to "blockade" of Colombia to prevent drugs from reaching the US by air or sea. The aim consulting. We need to let was simply to monitor air and some time pass," he said. sea traffic in the region and, Senator John Kerry, De without use of force, alert the cratic chairman of the Senate authorities to suspected drug narcotics and terrorism subsmugglers, a spokeswoman

"We are considering the use of naval assets but no de- Administration made a miscisions have been made," she take in moving unilaterally said, adding "Anything that is and I think also the timing, done - if anything is done - post-Panama, was difficult". will be done in full consultation and co-ordination with any other Government."

The row with Colombia is highly embarrassing for the night to condemn the recent US, which has been extremely search by American soldiers of supportive of President Barco's war against the cocaine residence in Panama City. cartels but now appears to have overstepped the mark. Administration officials privately admit to a public honest mistake and accused relations blunder.

Early leaks of the US plan its importance. used the term "blockade" and BOGOTA: The announcein Colombia, where latent that the US was postponing

From Charles Bremner

New York

A federal judge yesterday

scheduled a court hearing to

consider a sudden request by

prosecutors that General Ma-

nuel Noriega, the deposed

Panamanian leader, be com-

pelled to have a bail hearing, a

The Bush Administration has invasion of Panama. Colom- ica, where fears had mounted bian authorities last week of further US military adventurism in the wake of the refused to meet an American team sent to explain the plan, and the Administration in invasion of Panama (Geoffrey Matthews writes). Washington postponed a for-

The news was considered likely to end strong rumours of an imminent resignation by Señor Julio Londoño Paredes. Colombia's highly respected Foreign Minister, who denounced the process. He has received strong support from the foreign ministers of Ecuador and Peru.

Although Washington had always stressed that the USS John F. Kennedy and several other battleships and cruisers would operate in international waters, the Bush Administration clearly blundered diplomatically in failing consult fully with Bogota and the other South American capitals which it regards as

Señor Londoño specifically committee, said a US naval surveillance role was not "in-appropriate" but "clearly the expressed concern that legitimate Colombian shipping might be harassed and possibly boarded by the US armada in international waters.

allies in the drug war.

He said it might be "more worthwhile if efficient air and naval control were to be mounted by the United States over its own coasts and territorial frontiers since, despite the Nicaraguan ambassador's its great military and technological capacity, it has been unable either to impede the cluding the US, whose dele- entry of drugs into its territory gate said the incident was an or to prevent the shipment of arms and chemicals to Colomthe Nicaraguans of inflating bia and other countries".

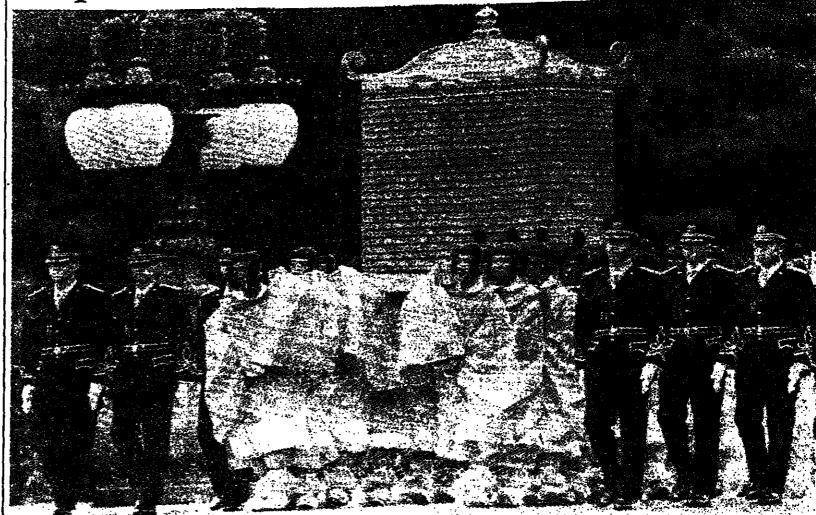
He was referring to the trafficking of sophisticated provoked an instant backlash ment in Washington yesterday arms, almost exclusively USmade, to Colombia's cocaine resistance to displays of US naval manoeuvres aimed at racketeers and the supply of military force had already countering cocaine smuggling key chemicals required in the been increased by the US was welcomed in Latin Amer- processing of cocaine.

Noriega bail hearing requested

Neither the defence, nor the prosecution are ready to open the long, legal battle that is expected to culminate in the dictator's trial probably late this year.

But Judge William Hoeveler must rule soon on a claim that the US courts have no jurisdiction to try a foreign leader seized "illegally".

Imperial Sanctuary rest for Hirohito spirit



Final journey: Imperial Palace Guardsmen escort the shrine, carried by 16 palace employees, taking the spirit of the late Emperor Hirohito from a palacit, chamber to the Imperial Sanctuary in Tokyo yesterday. The transference ceremony was part of the formal rites marking the first anniversary of his death.

backs Mandela release

From Ray Kennedy

South African state-controlled radio has gone out of its way to prepare people for the imminent release from prison of Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress

This comes after Mrs Winnie Mandela's statement on Monday that her husband had told her for the first time to start making arrangements for his release.

In its daily Comment programme to be broadcast today, the South African Broadcasting Corporation said: South Africa has moved beyond the stage of political leaders merely expressing

negotiated progress. It added: "The debate has begun to address the nuts and boits of the process - to identify what needs to be done

themselves on the need for

undertaken successfully. That task requires the active participation of all representative leaders who support peaceful change."

The significance of the broadcast is that the corporation has been consistently used by the Government to project its views.

The broadcast noted that - but their release passed the

From Our Correspondent

Johannesburg

Between six and 25 striking

black railway workers were

killed and scores injured in a

yesterday.

Mandela expressed his sup-port for peaceful development the authorities, that it should on all sides for it to be Mandela expressed his supwhen he met former President not be accompanied by an Mandela, aged 71, to coincide Botha last July, and that the release of seven of his colleagues last September was

South African Trade Unions by the South African Railways

It said: "The seven were fêted in highly emotional mass ceremonies - as Mr Mandela himself undoubtedly would be

Up to 25 strikers killed in clash

said at least 25 people were

killed and 60 injured, and said

The battle erupted when a

form in the town of Germiston

police intervened too late.

"something of a trial run".

Klerk will order the release of upsurge in unrest and with the opening of Par-violence." liament on February 2.

Dr David Owen, leader of By identifying himself with the Social Democrats, who is the ideals of peaceful devvisiting South Africa and met elopment, Mandela had re-Mr de Klerk on Monday, said defined his position "in the that the South African leader context of moves towards told him openly that he was in negotiated political change." a hurry to push ahead with It is anticipated in many reforms preparing the ground for negotiations with black

and Harbours Union over a

pay claim and the refusal of

the nationalized South African

Transport Services, which

runs the country's railways, to

recognize it, has already

The body has also dismissed

by China, which apparently

fears that direct elections

would give liberal forces too

The Governor will attempt

to persuade Chinese leaders

that Hong Kong could become

unstable if demands for

He will also attempt to

explain Britain's decision to

grant full passports to 225,000

Hong Kong people, in spite of China's blistering attack on

the move as a breach of

Britain's obligations under the

China fears that the pack-

Joint Declaration.

great a say in government.

claimed 17 lives.

In another significant move, the Government granted a long-denied visa to the Rev Jesse Jackson, the American black leader and one of its fiercest critics.

Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, said Mr Jackson "will be welcome to come to South Africa and the necessary visa will be issued to him to travel at a mutually convenient time."

Authorities were expected **Opposition to Khamenei**

Rift between Iran ayatollahs widens

More rallies were held yes- Khamenei said he would not terday in Tehran, the Iranian tolerate any criticism of govcapital, and in provincial cit- ernment officials as it was ies to demonstrate support for sinful. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the nominal spiritual leader of the the executive, the judiciary country, in the face of a and the legislature is their declaration by a number of influential religious leaders on tion," he said. "Any act or the fringes of the Government word which weakens the peothat he did not merit the

position. Made up predominantly of government employees, the on religious grounds) and rallies heard veiled attacks on Avatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, the former designated successor to Ayatoliah Khomeini, whom the dissident Muslim clerics have put forward as the rightful candidate for the leadership, and to whom increasing numbers of people look for a challenger.

The rally in the holy city of Qom, the seat of Ayatoliah Montazeri, was addressed by Ayatollah Khamenei himself, who described the city as "the centre of Islam and the Islamic revolution".

Other speakers criticized the dissidents as enemies of near Isfahan. the revolution and said that the principle of Velayat-e Fagih, the guardianship of an Islamic society by a leading theologian, was the foundation of Iran's Islamic state.

State television showed the Qom crowd chanting "Kham-enei is the leader. We are sacrificials to the leader. We are the people of the Prophet. tion." On Monday, Ayatollah Iraq in 1988.

to move General Noriega to a high-security prison in Atlanta last night. His lawyers were reported to be confident that he held secrets which would cause great discomfort to the Bush Administration.

The move was aimed at preventing any escape attempts or any possible bid on

Police put the death toll at for a union meeting and was six with 31 injured, but a met by about 1,000 non-more the spokesman for the Council of strikers. The 10-week strike strikers. Wilson mission to mend China fences

m Jonathan Brande Hong Kong

The Governor of Hong Kong, Sir David Wilson, leaves for Peking today for his first visit to China since last June's military crackdown, in a last ditch attempt to convince the Chinese leadership of the need for greater democracy in the territory and to improve Sino-Hong Kong relations. "The key to the success of

On the eve of the visit yesterday, government radio in Hong Kong reported that decisive backing by the nahis advisers on the Executive Council had rejected the draft of a Bill of Rights because it word which weakens the people's trust in these powers and did not contain a provision to protect it from being overundermines their support in the least is haram (forbidden riden by Peking.

Ayatollah Montazeri, the subject of this attack, has remained silent since the delaration last week in Tehran by Ayatollah Mahdavi Kani, a former Prime Minister under Avatoliah Khomeini, and eight other influential relizious leaders, that he, and not Ayatollah Khamanei, was the most deserving theologian to occupy the office of the supreme leadership. His

supporters are reported to

have held anti-government rallies in Qom, Isfahan and

Naiafabad, his home town

The rift results from the general belief that the political

promotion of Ayatollah

Khamenei, a junior cleric, to

the rank of ayatollah last

August, and his election to the

leadership of the state, were

contrary to the spirit of the

It is further deepened by the

decline of the economy, in

spite of the end of the war with

A Government spokesman said the Bill, to protect fundamental freedoms for Hong Kong people after the British colony is handed to China in 1997, had been delayed because members of the coun-



way for Hurd visit to China. expected to be promulgated

It also did not have a special "entrenched" status, requiring special procedures for amending or repealing it.

Apart from discussions on the issue of a Bill of Rights, Sir David will also attempt to Foreign Minister, one of two cil feared that it would not assess the mood in the Chitake precedence over the laws nese capital in advance of the succeed Peking's most senior drafted by China, which are arrival of Mr Douglas Hurd, representative in Hong Kong,

the Foreign Secretary, in Hong Kong at the weekend.

His report will play a crucial role in determining the Foreign Secretary's own policy on the pace of democratic development in the British colony.

visit, designed to shore up confidence in Hong Kong, contrasts with the secret mission to Peking last month by Sir Percy Cradock, the Prime Minister's senior foreign affairs adviser. Sir Percy's aim appears to have been to improve the British Government's relations with China.

Reports that the Governor will be meeting Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Premier, are seen as an indication that China also regards it as more than mere diplomatic routine.

He will also meet Mr Zhou Nan, China's hardline Deputy men tipped as most likely to

Mr Xu Jiatun, who retires the end of the month.

The other main contender for the post is Mr Ye Xuanping, the present governor of China's Guangdong province, an economic liberal but more senior in China's diplomatic pecking order than speedy political reform are Sir David's high-profile Mr Zhou, and with strong ties

45-minute pitched batile with train carrying about 800 strik-

non-strikers near here ers arrived at a station plat-

to the military. Sir David's visit comes a week before the committee drawing up the Basic Law, Hong Kong's post-1997 miniconstitution, meets to finalize the political structure that will govern the territory. Last month, Chinese-ap-

pointed drafters, with a builtin majority on the committee, insisted that only 18 seats, or 30 per cent of the legislature, should be directly elected until well into the next century.

Of the models put forward. the most popular call is for 40-50 per cent of the legislature to be directly elected by 1997.

age, designed to promote stability in Hong Kong, will have the opposite effect, causing division within the territory and undermining the loyalty to Peking of key Hong

ignored

Kong figures. Sir David will also seek Chinese co-operation in stemming the flow of Vietnamese However, these consensus boat people flooding into models have been dismissed Hong Kong.

Riots hit Comoros capital

broke out in the capital of the Comoros islands after police, fired live bullets over the heads of demonstrators calling

for a return to democracy. The paramilitary gendarmerie also used teargas to break up the crowd of several bundred people outside Moroni's main mosque in the protest, which was organized by opposition parties.

The demonstrators dispersed into small groups, which set off for other parts of the town, pillaging government buildings and setting fire to about 10 government

Shuttle launch

Washington — The US space shuttle Columbia lifted off in cloudy skies yesterday on a mission to retrieve a satellite before it drifts to earth.

Soldier jailed Jerusalem (Renter) — Israel has jailed a soldier for saying on army radio it should leave

the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, military sources said.

Storm havoc New York (AP) - Storms

rolled across north-western United States at the weekend, cutting electricity, ripping down trees and derailing a freight train.

Nuclear move Stockholm (Reuter) — Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Swedish Prime Minister, has an-nounced a Cabinet reshuffles seen as relaxing the govern-ment's policy of phasing out

nuclear power. Coup threat

Manila (Renter) – President Aquino has warned that a fresh army coup attempt could end in a "nightmarish bloodbath" in the Philippines and urged the country to unite to

uphold democracy. **Riots kill 14**

Srinager (Reuter) - The killing of an intelligence police man yesterday brought to 14 the official death toll in 24 hours of riots against India's rule in Kashmir.

Reptile claim

Sydney (Reuter) — An Austra-lian Aborigine said he hard survived a crocodile attack in the Northern Territory by poking the reptile in the cycs as it dragged him underwater.

Council to seek Cambodia ceasefire

From Philip Jacobson **Paris**

As guerrillas of the Khmer Rouge continue their latest offensive in Cambodia, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council have agreed to meet in Paris next week for urgent discussions on

peace plans. Proposed by the US before the attack on the city of Battambang became known, the gathering, on January 15

and 16, is expected to con-

fighting ahead of renewed at which all factions could put ious warring factions. Accord- eries to all groups within diplomatic negotiations.

There has been growing international support in recent weeks for a peace package, envisaging the installation of a UN-interim administration, along the lines of the Namibia exercise.

Under this proposal, by the Australian Government, whose special envoy was recently in Cambodia, the beleaguered administration of Mr Hun Sen would step down

forward candidates, while the vexed question of who has the right to Cambodia's seat at the UN in New York would temporarily be shelved by vacating it.

Under the Australian plan, around 200 UN "trustees" would be required to take over the running of the country until a new government had been chosen, while a peacekeeping force of as many as 7,000 troops would attempt to Soviet Union's proposal for a claimed the weekend was

cil's "big five" — the US, Sov-

iet Union, Britain, France and have sent Cambodia's Presi-China - will be represented by dent and Prime Minister fleespecialists on South-East Asia. Britain's representative will be Mr David Gillmore, a Deputy Under Secretary at the For- (AP reports). eign Office. Quai d'Orsay sources in-

dicated yesterday that delecentrate on how to halt the to make way for free elections hold the ring between the var- moratorium on arms deliv- peaceful in the capital.

ing to the French Foreign Cambodia. Ministry, the Security Coun- BANGKOK: Khmer Rouse guerrillas claimed yesterday to

soldiers and police were killed Khmer Rouge claims have proved exaggerated. The govgates would also discuss the ernment SPK news agency

ing to Vietnam with a grenade

attack on the capital in which

Japanese MP's wife challenges tradition and his party at poll against him now. However. Mrs.



Mrs Hamada: Tired of scandals in ruling Liberal Democrats.

From Joe Joseph Tokyo

In a country where parliamentary seats are handed down from father to son like family silver and polite women know their place, the wife of a Japanese politician is testing the Government's commitment to equality by standing against her husband's party in the general elections expected next month.

When Mr Takujiro Hamada, who has represented the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in the lower house for a decade, heard of his wife's decision he simply groaned: "What a headache!"

Mrs Makiko Hamada, aged 47, says she is fed up with the scandalplagued Liberal Democrats who, she says, "will end up as a group of yakuza (gangsters) if things carry

on the way they are now". She says she is tired of mouthing stuffy Liberal Democrats' policies while campaigning for her husband when she has smarter ideas of her own.

Voters are also fed up. When her husband refused her pleas to quit the party, Mrs Hamada decided to run as an independent in a neighbouring constituency just north of Tokyo against one of his closest party colleagues. The move has sent party leaders

into a controlled fury. They are torn between telling Mr Hamada to take his wife in hand and their pledges to woo Japan's recently politicized female electorate. The Government blames its humiliation in upper house elec-

tions last July on a heavy voting

turn-out by women enraged by sex

scandals, by the Recruit bribes

affair and by the introduction of a hated sales tax. With an election for the more important lower house expected next month, the Government is

Tokyo (Reuter) - Mr Noboru

Takeshita, the former Prime Minister, who stepped down last April, forecast yesterday that general elections would be held in Japan on February 18, Kyodo News Service reported. The date has been mentioned frequently in the media, but Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Prime

Minister, has not yet made an

anxious not to rekindle women's wrath, But it also feels that it is odd for a woman who has spent the past 10 years loyally campaigning in her

Hamada says: "What I am doing, I am doing for my husband and for the LDP. In the long run, changing the LDP will benefit him, as the LDP right now is not able to make the best use of his talent. He is a very good politician and I will vote for him in his constituency. He is giving me mental support.

"We got to know each other when we were students, and we know each other's characters very well. Our relationship is like an alliance, so there is no danger of a divorce.

Mrs Hamada, a literature graduate of the prestigious Tokyo University, a former airline hostess and now president of her own trading company, says that, while both she and her husband agree on husband's constituency to turn the need for a new breed of

conservative politics in Japan, she believes that a new party is required while her husband favours changing the Liberal Democrats from the inside. She says her husband cannot act

boldly "because he is a man and has heavy responsibilities" whereas "women are freer and more flexible. It has always been women who have broken stalemates and changed history. I was shocked to learn that there are no female conservative MPs in the lower

"I'm not in this race to hurt my husband - or to save him. I want to help develop better politics in this country. The present LDP thrives on back-door deals for money and special interests, and such dealings are crucial factors in winning in the general election."

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House suspended in uproar over MP's allegation

minutes amid scenes of confusion over a government motion giving a committee chairman power to suspend members of that committee if they failed to accept

rulings.

The issue stemmed from a decision earlier in the day by Fookes, chairman of the committee considering the National Health Service and Community Care Bill, to suspend the committee's sitting after Mr Dale Campbell-Sayours, a Labour member of it,

Dame Janet reported the in-cident to the House and Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the is, moved the motion giving her power to suspend any member of that committee at its

The move was greeted with uproar on the Labour benches and a stream of points of order. After 45 minutes of heated rgument and allegations by Mr ampbell-Savours about a minister's links with a public rela-tions company, the Speaker suspended the sitting to allow behind-the-scenes talks. When

the sitting was resumed Sir

Geoffrey withdrew the motion. Dame Janet said that as chairman of the standing com-mittee she had to report that the Bill had had to be adjourned

Despite repeated requests from the chair, Mr Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) had persisted in raising a matter which she had ruled was not a

"When it became crystal clear that the matter was not going to be resolved in any way, I accepted a motion for the djournment of the committee. his was passed without a

Sir Geoffrey said the House had to take seriously the matter raised by a distinguished and experienced chairman. It was clear, from what she had told the House, that the conduct she had reported made impossible the continued work of the standing

He moved that Dame Janet, during the sitting of the Bill, should have power to direct that a member who disregarded the authority of the chair, or persis-tently and wilfully obstructed should withdraw immediately from the committee for the

Laser gun

for Navy

defended

A stout defence of the laser gun A stout detente of the laser guils fitted to Royal Navy Type 22 frigates was put up by Mr Alaa Clark, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, during

He was scornful of what he

made about the weapons by Mr Martin O'Neill, Opposition

Mr O'Neill asked against

whom the laser guns would be deployed and why had these weapons been shrouded in se-

Mr Clark said it was a

disgrace to say that this weapon

was "a very dangerous means of protecting ourselves". It was

better to have a system which

"guarded against trigger happi-ness" and the sort of experience of the United States when they

ad shot down an airliner by

mistake. The laser was purely

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign Office. Aviation and

Maritime Security Bill, second reading. Associated British Ports Bill, third reading.

spokesman on defence

crecy for so long?

"off-the-cuff" remarks

asked why it was necessary to There should be a cooling-off period (Conservative laughter) and discussions between the front benches before taking an

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C), a member of the standing committee, said that it had become clear that Mr Campbell-Savours intended to disrupt the work of the

It was not a precedent because it had happened previously during discussion of Scottish legislation.

Mr Campbell-Savours said that he wanted to make clear to the chairman of the committees that it was not his intention to disrupt proceedings in future. Therefore, if Sir Geoffrey had come to him the motion need vative protests).

One of the government whips was kind enough to do that and came to see him in the tea room, and he would have disclosed his intentions to Sir Geoffrey.

The motion had been tabled because Tory MPs did not want the issue that he had raised at committee aired before the

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that it was important that the House knew from Mr Campbell-Savours, or others, exactly what took place. They could not properly decide the issue unless Mr Campbell-

Mr Edward Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Lab) said that it would be sensible to pause and read the *Hansard* report of the committee before they debated the motion.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C), a member of the committee, said that the issue was not what was discussed but the behaviour of Mr Campbell-Savours, who had disrupted the committee.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that there was a need for reflection on the matter (Conservative protests). They must uphold the tradition of

Mr Campbell-Savours said that he had raised the matter of a company called Michael Forsyth Ltd, a lobbying company, a public relations company trad-ing in the name of a minister of the Crown [Mr Michael Forsyth is Under Secretary of State,

Events in Eastern Europe confirm that socialism had utterly failed, Mrs Thatcher said, to Conservative cheers,

She said that Britain would do all it

could to assist in the development of

genuine democracy and a free-market

economy for eastern Europeans, having already given extensive help to Poland

and Hungary, in concert with other countries in the European Community.

Mr Robert Dana (Dartford, C) said that the first duty of the Government

was to provide the means to defend its people. It would be foolish in the

extreme to change Britain's defence

policy at this moment in order to take

account of short-term changes which

appear to be happening in the Soviet

Mrs Thatcher said that Britain's

defence policy was the Nato defence policy and could only be changed by Nato. The matter would be considered

when the agreement on the conventional

Mr Tim Boswell (Daventry, C): In the

first question time of the decade, will she

take the opportunity of commenting on the staggering recent events in Eastern Europe, and will she also take an early

opportunity to go and tell them about the opportunites based on democracy

Mrs Thatcher said that the events

confirm that socialism has utterly

failed (Conservative cheers) and has been utterly rejected by the people of

arms reductions had been completed.

during Prime Minister's questions.

or minister's secretary was Griselda Hayes, wife of the man who bought half the company from Mr Forsyth. There was a direct link between his secretary in the House, who saw mail from MPs when they wrote to Mr Forsyth there. "She has access to this mail."

Though the minister denied it, Mr Forsyth bad an informal agreement whereby if he was sacked or lost his job... (interruptions drowned out the rest of Mr Campbell-Savours'

After further points the Speaker said that it was difficult

of State for Health, said that he had moved the adjournment of after Mr Campbell-Savours re-fused to sit down when asked, when he would not desist from making a speech when ruled out of order and had barracked rulings from the chair. Sir Geoffrey said that the

issue was a matter of order and the need to uphold the rulings of

He had attempted to find a solution through the usual chan-nels, but, in the absence of such an undertaking and in view of the fact that the committee would resume at 4.30pm, he had felt it right to move the motion. Mr Campbell-Savours said

that Michael Forsyth Ltd was trading in the name of a minister of the Crown. Mr Forsyth had made an agreement

The Speaker said that if Mr Campbell-Savours was alleging that something irregular had occurred, then the matter should be dealt with as a matter of special control of the same terminates or alternatively if it of privilege or, alternatively, if it were a question of interest outside Parliament, then the Select Committee on Members' Interests, of which Mr Campbell-Savours was a member, would be the right body.

Mr Campbell-Savours said that this was not a matter of privilege nor was it a matter for the Select Committee on Members' interests since the rules governing the conduct of ministers' private affairs were set out by the Prime Minister and the select committee did not

After further interruptions, Mr Campbell-Savours said that he had asked the minister to assure the committee that he would not re-acquire his interest - and nor would his wife - in

freedom than they have ever known

Earlier, the rapidily changing situa-

tion in Eastern Europe was the domi-nant theme during defence questions.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, said that the situation was

unstable and potentially dangerous. He rejected Labour demands for cuts in

defence spending and attacked the "siren voices" which, he said, suggested that all the problems in Eastern Europe

He rebuffed calls from Labour back-

benchers for a change in Britain's defence policy in the wake of the recent changes in East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

for defence questions all the events in Romania and the threat by President

Mikhail Gorbachov to resign had taken

"While everybody of good will wishes

a successful outcome to the present very

important and exciting developments, nobody can conceal the fact that the

present situation is very unstable and potentially very dangerous as well." Mr Kenneth Hind (West Lancashire,

C) urged him, before moving to any change in defence policy, to consider

lead to a military takeover.

He told MPs that since they last met



during which environmental campaigners pressed the Government to reverse its decision to give £100 million to the international Tropical Forestry Action Plan (TFAP). The plan, backed by the Prime Minister at the UN last November and intended to save the rain forests, was a disaster, the protesters said, which would leave "ecological Disneylands"

People in the industry be-lieved - and he had been reliably told - that Mr Forsyth had an agreement to re-acquire those shares if he lost his job as a minister or ceased to be an MP.

The Speaker: These are allegations he cannot sustain. I ground to this case. Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau

Gwent, Lab) said that this was a debatable motion, although that had not been immediately evident to Sir Geoffrey when he had moved it.

The authority of the chair could not be upheld by a motion moved in this form which the House as a whole had not had the chance to consider.

Sir Geoffrey had a second opportunity... "The Leader of the House shakes his head

Socialism has failed utterly, MPs told

said. It might be the safest way in the Cabinet. If they shake them afterwards, they knock them off' (loud laughter).

Sir Geoffrey must withdraw the motion, giving all MPs the chance to consider it. That was the best way for him to go about upholding the chair. If he proceeded with trying to

rush through this motion, he would crease still further confusion. If he did not withdraw, this was a debatable motion and all MPs would exercise their right

Mr Robin Cook, Opposition spokesman on health, said that MPs should have in front of They were also in the particu-

lar difficulty that the committee recommenced at 4.30pm "at which point all those MPs who

morning will vanish from the chamber".

In this situation, surely it must be self-evident that this debate be deferred. The Speaker then suspended

When the sitting resumed, Dr Cunningham said that he had discussed the situation with Sir Geoffrey, and with Mr Campbell-Savours who had given him a new assurance that he would not disrupt the com-mittee

Sir Geoffrey said that the undertaking now given by Dr Cunningham, which was an affirmation of that given by Mr Campbell-Savours, was not available during at an earlier stage. If it had been, the question of motion the motion tion of moving the motion would have been different.

The allegations had been

Had he noticed the view of Lord

at these weapons would be pointing at

Carrington and others that such a proposal was unrealistic bearing in mind

Mr King replied that these matters had been agreed by a Nato summit and

would be reviewed in 1992. That was eminently sensible in view of the rapid

During earlier exchanges, Mr An-thony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham,

Selly Oak, C) said that Russia was going

through turbulent times. Any country with 386 generals who might find

themselves unemployed might decide to

That, he added, showed that proper

Mr Alan Clark, Minister of State for

Defence Procurement, said that he welcomed such caution when seen

against the reckless optimism in some

desences were "not warmongering to be safe; it is making sure that we do have

"make dangerous incursions"

Scottish TUC with me, says Rifkind

Thatcher asked

to praise

ambulance staff

the Opposition, asked Mrs. Thatcher to join him in paying tribute to the skill and dedication of the ambalance workers.

Mrs Thatcher said that she gladly paid tribute, as she had always done, to the ambulance

always done, to the ambulance workers, many of whom were still working full time and providing emergency and ac-cident cover. A number of those at the scene had been on normal accident and emergency cover in

It was the Government's wish to increase the number of ambulance staff with paramedical qualifications and for that reason the pay offer to ambulance

workers varied between 9 per cent and 16.3 per cent, being slanted towards those with para-medical qualifications.

Mr Kinnock asked Mrs

Thatcher to answer the essential part of the question. Did she agree that to describe the people who went to the scene of the crash as merely professional drivers was both inaccurate and

Mrs Thatcher said that she had gladly paid tribute to am-bulance staff (Labour MPs:

Answer). The Government wanted a higger proportion of ambulance stuff to have para-

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the scene of accidents and for that purpose it had slanted the offer to pay up to 16.3 per cent in

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Sir Asthony Grant (South
West Cambridgeshire, C: WH.
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Mrs Thatcher: I gladly con-

at question time a suggestion that she was indifferent to the

saying that there was not enou time for her to see everyose w wanted to meet her.

Mr Peter Archer (Warley West, Lab) said that Mrs Thatcher had flatly refused to meet two successive presidents of the Methodist Conference who had asked to see her on the instrument of the conference.

with the assect to see any water instructions of the conference. Was the deep concern of Methodists a matter of such ladifference to her as the con-

cerns of other churches, the Royal College of Nursing, the British Medical Association, the

Mrs Thatcher said that she

was flattered that everyone wanted to come and see her but there was not enough time for

The president had written to her and she had replied fully.

She had pointed out that, despite his complaints, spending

on social security, health and the disabled was vastly more than

under Labour. This Government had well and truly discharged its

duty on social security town the people of this country.

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The Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Bill was described as the single most important leg-islative measure affecting Scot-land by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, of the Bill in the Commons.

That description was not only his, he said, but also that of the Scottish Trade Union Congress. Of 420 responses to the Government's White Paper, 403 did not depart from its central recommendations and only 17 had disagreed with the basic principle, proposing the integration of the Training Commission with the Scottish Development Agency and the creation of a new body, Scottish

"It is disappointing, but not surprising, that among that lonely group of 17 was to be found the Opposition, the Labour Party."

The Opposition had support from no other important organization in Scotland; they stood in lonely isolation opposed to the Bill.

"The member for Garscadden (Mr Donald Dewar, Chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland) sits skulking in his tent supported by no other bodies of significance in Scotland."

The Scottish TUC had described the Bill as "the most significant institutional reform within the field of training and economic development to be auggested since the establishment of the Manpower Services Commission in 1974 and the Scottish Development Agency

There were three important aspects to the Bill, any one of which would be of profound importance to the Scottish

First was the creation of Scottish Enterprise which would be a powerful body with considerable resources.

Then there was the transfer of

responsibility for training in Scotland from Sheffield to Edinburgh and from the Department of Employment to the Scottish Office. Third, many of the respon-

Development Agency or the Training Commission would be delivered in future by new. private-sector-led enterprise companies in each of the vari-ous regions of Scotland in the Lowlands and the Highlands

and Islands. Integration of training and the development agency in Scottish Enterprise was the central thrust of the Bill. It would be simpler if those seeking business support and training could go to one single body to see what was

training as other than another form of investment. It was, in fact, a form of investment and,

therefore, similar to the work that the development agency and the Highlands and Islands Development Board had been The training needs of dif-ferent parts of Scotland differed

from one another. The Government was therefore devolving responsibility for such training to the local communities. That was a profound change and had been widely welcomed by both sides of industry in Scotland. Only the Labour Party seemed to oppose it. There were five new towns in

Scotland and the Bill was neoessary to bring the new-town programme to its completion. It provided for individual windup orders to be made.

The central theme was the devolution or decentralization of responsibility — from Shep-field to Edinburgh, from the Department of Employment to the Scottish Office and from the centre of Scotland to each of the regions and local communities, He described as "one of the great ironies" the opposition of the Labour Party, which had been droning on again and again about its belief in devolution.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotand, moved an amendment urging that a second reading should not be given to the Bill "because it fails to provide the right framework for rebuilding the Scottish economy".

crease the penalties for certain

offences under enactments relating to the licensing of premises or places used for dancing music or other entertainments

Private members' Bills

The following is a list of private members' Bills set down for second reading debate on the seven Fridays indicated.

soliciting of women for prostitution and to abolish the presumption that a boy under 14 is increased intercourse.

Positions have been decided by ballot, and the second and subsequent Bills on each day

January 26: Consumer Guar-antees Bill to amend the law on the sale and supply of goods (Mr Martyn Jones, Clwyd South West, Lab). Licensing (Low Alcohol Drinks) Bill (Sir Peter

February 2: Interest on Debts to carry interest (Mr Michael

William Shelton, Streatham, C). Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) Bill (Mr Alex Carlile, Montgomery, Lib Dem).

end the law on disturbance amend the law on distribance and restoration of footpaths and bridleways by cultivation and to keep the line of such paths clear of crops (Mr Edward Leigh, Gainsborough and Horncastle, C). Access to Health Records Bill (Mr Douglas Henderson, Newcastle upon Tyne, North, Lab).

Lab). March 2: Planning Permission (Demolition of Houses) Bill to make it obligatory to apply for planning permission before demolishing a house (Mr John Wilkinson, Ruislip-Northwood, C). Radiation Exposed Crown Employees (Benefits) Bill (Mr

amounts. The Earl of Cranbrook will

attempt to add his "green," Environment Protection Bill. setting up a commission 10, oversee environmental protection, to the Government's own,

Labour fails by one vote to block student loan scheme

and free enterprise?

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter The Labour Party failed by one vote to block the Government's Student Loans Bill at the committee stage yesterday after Conservative backbench MPs rallied to the defence of the higher education minister, Mr

Opposition members argued that the standing committee on loans should be adjourned after the high street banks pulled out of the scheme last month. They said that the banks' withdrawal

However, they were were de-ated by 10 votes to 9 after Mr Jackson argued that the essence of the policy would not change. Mr Jack Straw, Labour's front bench education spokes-man, said that "the operation of the scheme had been left in total rain and a high degree of nacertainty" after the banks, which were supposed to admin-ister debt collection and reg-istration for loans, had with-



Mr Jackson: Essence of the policy will not change

of State for Education and Science, that the loans scheme would not be affected by the banks' withdrawal, was "hollow

Before their withdrawal, Mr MacGregor had insisted that the

banks were central to the scheme, Mr Straw said. He

of details of the revised plan.
"Given the history of the scheme, given all the ministerial investment in agreement with the banks, it is simply incredible to suggest that the banks' involvement is something that could be discarded", he said.

"This committee does not know and cannot know what it is talking about. We are totally in the dark as to how the scheme Mr Simon Haghes, Liberal

Democrat MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, said: "This is an extremely important piece of legislation and the Government has sow had the centre shot out of it. They have the fig leaf of a Bill and the embarrassment of nothing underneath." Mr Jackson said there would

be detailed announcements soon

on how the scheme would be

administered. "We have to distinguish between the policy of student loans and the method of administration of that policy. The policy is unchanged." The Student Loans Company, based in Glasgow, would become Government-owned and admin-ister the scheme and two depart-ment officials had already joined

there when the situation in Eastern Europe and the Warsaw Pact had been

It hoped that there would be a successful treaty during the course of this year on conventional force reductions in Europe. It wished to achieve greater security with lower force and armament

that "we must do all we can to advance the cause of peace and maintain the security of our country".

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab) said that it was said that the Conservatives were incapabale of responding to the historic events of the past two or three months. Mr Gorbachov had been taking enormous risks and running into enor-mous danger. Could the British Govern-

brings protests

EASTERN EUROPE for a change on defence policy until progress had been made with the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact on arms

East Germany?

changes taking place.

cenventional arms reductions) in Vi-Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath, C) asked Mr King to reconsider the upgrading of short-range nuclear weap-It had been prepared to negotiate ons in Germany.

Why did this country not take the initiative in seeing that money was saved so that it could be used properly for social purposes here and abroad?

Mr King replied that Britian was playing an active part in the discussions.

The possibility was there, but it had to be soundly based. Uncertainty was such

that the nationalist movements on the fringes of the Soviet Union could destabalize the country and possibly quarters. ment not come forward and assist him "Events in Eastern Europe have Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab) asked why Britain was in his dangerous situation? "For God's reduced the likelihood of confrontation, but have not enhanced the stability of Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith (Wealstill dragging its feet at the CFE talks (on Helicopter delay

Incompatibilities in specifica-tions for the Utility EH101 helicopter was concerned, that helicopter made it impossible to place the firm order projected in 1987, Mr Alan Clark, Minister of State for Defence, told the Commons at question time when answering concerns over the Government's failure to confirm an order.

In response to a question from Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C), Mr Clark said: The Utility EH101 helicopter programme is still at an early stage. We are giving our attention to a number of different considerations and it is much too early to configure. much too early to confirm an Mr Colvin said that that was

disappointing, since in April 1987 Mr George Younger, then Secretary of State, had promised an order in early 1990. What stage had the programme for the utility version of the helicopter resolved and them had been determined. reached and had there been a review of the role of the heli-copter as a land-battle weapon? Mr Clark said that the statement made in 1987 about 25 helicopters had been subject to contractural and other considerations. The projected defence study should be completed by April. So far as a more com-

was subject to continuing analy-sis. It was a detailed topic and would affect consideration of the mix of helicopters and other weapons on the battlefield.
Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of
the Liberal Democrats, said that

the two-year delay in placing an order was creating a consid-erable impediment to the eff-ective financial management of the project. The delay also meant that the

The delay also meant that the Type-23 frigate would have to wait five years, possibly a quarter of its working life, before getting the EH101 for which it had been designed. How long would the Government continue with this folly? Mr Clark said that there were incompatibilities in specifica-tions. Until those had been solved no order could be placed. Mr Allan Rogers, an Oppo-ation spokesman on defence, said that the House was being deliberately misled on the issue by the Government

Mr Clark asked if the Opposition wanted the Government to place an order for something before being satisfied it was effective and good value for

Backbenchers' moment creased Penalties) Bill to in-

may not be reached and are thus likely to fall. The names are those of the MP sponsoring each January 26: Consumer Guar-

Emery, Honiton, C). Mates, East Hampshire, C). Road Traffic (Temporary Re-strictions) Bill (Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Nottingham South,

February 9: Computer Misuse Bill to secure computer material against unauthorized access or modification (Mr Michael Colvin, Romsey and Waterside, C). Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill (Mrs Margaret Ewing, Moray, SNP). February 16: Sexual Offences

February 23: Rights of Way (Agricultural Land) Bill to

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(Mr Graham Bright, Luton South, C). Representation of the People Bill (Mr Anthony Beau-mont-Dark, Birmingham, Selly Oak, C). Entitlement to Em-ployment and Training Bill (Mr. Gibes Parkes, Durbary, Northe Giles Radice, Durham Northe Lab), Marriage (Registration of Buildings) Bill (Mr George Wal-den, Buckingham, C). Northern Ireland Act, 1974 (Amendment) Bill (Mr William Ross London derry East, UUP). In the upper House where there is no ballot for private members' Bills, Lord Mason of Barnsley is hopeful about the progress of his measure in require publicans to sell wine served by the glass in prescribed

legislation. The government measure is called the Environ

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praise Art trap for an innocent player

Gennady Zalkowitsch, musician, filmmaker and dealer in Islamic treasures, spent a year in jail for a crime he did not commit. The way he was caught up in a tale of intrigue and double-

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ot 87 in a Christie's sale of Islamic works of art on June 11, 1986, was an exquisitely handwritten and illuminated Koran listed as "Persia, Safavid, circa Mr Peter Arche R. West, Labb said day. Thirtener had flath the 1550". And from the moment it appeared in the catalogue, its Description of the codes owner, Russian-born Gennady Zalkowitsch, was launched upon a course that would lead to 10 months in Pentonville prison, -awaiting trial for receiving and exporting art treasures stolen from à London gallery in a milliondollar raid in July 1985.

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Now, more than four years after the theft, he has been found innoca ent of any involvement.

Zalkowitsch's story reveals an international trade in Islamic treasures that is studded with secret bank accounts, cash deals between stand-in buyers and sellers, smuggling across closed frontiers and some huge insurance valuations. It is set in London, Jordan, Cairo, Kuwait and Paris and involves two self-confessed Arab smugglers, a plethora of sheikhs and a nephew of the late Shah of Iran — and Zalkowitsch, a man of extravagant international

He was born in Krasnodar in the Caucasian Mountains in 1940, taken as a political prisoner by the Germans, along with his father, mother and brother, and incarcerated in a concentration camp at Braunschweig, where his mother was killed. After the war the two brothers and their father remained in Germany until 1949, when they were assisted to emigrate to

There the young Gennady learnt the oboe and piano, became an orchestral conductor at the age of 17, and four years later organized Brazil's first Festival of Contemporary Music at Rio's Museum of Modern Art.

In Brazil his talent was recognized by the composer Igor Stravinsky, who arranged for him to study composition with Nadia Boulanger in Paris. There he won a competition to become a student of Herbert von Karajan, the late maestro of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

Three years later, Zalkowitsch embarked on a solo career as musician and, later, independent film-maker and producer.

It was a documentary film about the raft fishermen of Brazil, which Gennady co-produced with his brother for BBC2 in 1981, that was destined to change the direction of his life. "I wanted to make more films about lifestyles in that kind of rapidly disappearing world -

but I needed money," he says.
"It was suggested to me that instead of asking private people and institutions for financial backing I could actually make the money for myself.

"I was given the telephone number of the director of the soon-to-be-opened Museum of Kuwait, Sheikh Nasser Al Sabah, and Prince Shahram Pahlavi, a nephew of the Shah of Iran, and was told that Shahram wanted to sell Islamic art treasures and Sheikh Nasser wanted to buy them. I was to work on a commission basis between the two."

Thus Zalkowitsch became involved in the world of Islamic art dealing, first as a go-between and then, as his fortunes improved, as a buyer and seller.

Today, as he tries to pick up the pieces of his career after a year in French and British prisons for a crime he did not commit, he admits he should have learnt his lessons much earlier.

"Sheikh Nasser trusted me totally and gave me enormous cheques for \$400,000 or \$500,000 at a time. "Often there was no paperwork of any description to prove that I

had a right to offer items for sale. "These are the kind of casual business practices which are to be found everywhere in the trading of Islamic art objects and which were to become so important in my

On the face of it, the case against Zalkowitsch was rock solid. It began in early 1985, when he decided to give his art dealing "one last push" to provide the remaining finance for an ambitious film project in Cairo. The film location was to prove cruelly significant.

Discovering that the Ahuan Gallery in Victoria, London, was getting together an exhibition. The Unity of Islamic Art", in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, he submitted a number of objects in the hope that they would later be bought. While in Saudi, because of temporary export licence restrictions, the works of art could only be viewed but the organizers hoped that interest in them would be aroused and turned into sales when the exhibition was remounted back at the gallery in London on July 4, 1985.

By that time the gallery had on loan four immensely valuable objects submitted by Zalkowitsch – a Kaaba belt (a silver calligraphic panel on velvet that had once covered the Holy Kaaba at Mecca), a 14th-century Arabic translation of The Politics of Aristotle, a 17th-century manuscript entitled Conquests of Medina, and a 15th-century calligraphic panel, collectively worth 235,000.

But on the night of July 12 the gallery's alarm sounded, and when Oliver Hoare, director of Ahuan UK, arrived at the scene in the early hours of the following morning he found 18 items missing, with a collective insurance valuation of nearly \$1 million.

Six of those items - a section of a 13th-century Moroccan Koran, two other Koran fragments, a prayer on the sword of Ali Ibn Abu Talib, an ancient guide to Mecca and Medina, and another Koran in two volumes by the scribe Muhammed Effendi Mazket -

were to prove of vital importance. For one of them, the Moroccan Koran section, was allegedly offered to Hussein Afshar, an art dealer in Kuwait, in December 1985 by Mustassir Barakat, a Jordanian known to the Ahuan Gallery as a previous client.

If that was true, then how had that stolen Koran found its way from an art gallery in Eccleston Street, London, to Kuwait? From various statements gathered by



Rich world: Zalkowitsch as collector and (top) conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

the British police and Interpol and, until Zalkowitsch's trial, never doubted - an astonishing story of international dealing in stolen items began to emerge.

nd this is how it ran. From details of the theft, circulated by the gallery, Afshar recognized the Moroccan Koran section as being one of the stolen works and later passed on the information to David Sultzberger. Hoare's American associate at Ahuan. In response to Sultzberger's inquiries, Barakat said it was one of five pieces - the other four being the other two Koran fragments, the sword prayer and the guide to Mecca and Medina - that he had acquired in

After three meetings between the two men, Barakat told Sultzberger that he had bought the five items for £10,000 each together with a sixth piece, the Mazket Koran - from a man called Sheikh Khaled Ahmed

Abdelaziz. Abdelaziz said he had been shown all the pieces by Zalkowitsch in Cairo and had obtained them in exchange for "a manuscript" of comparable value.

Zalkowitsch was arrested in London on July 23, 1986, on suspicion of having handled stolen goods by taking them abroad. He vehemently denied any involve-ment and was released without

Two months later, after completing a business engagement in Paris, he was again questioned and this time charged. After a week in custody at Wormwood Scrubs, he

was released on £10,000 bail.

On January 26, 1987, Abdelaziz was persuaded by the British police to come to London and, at a committal hearing at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, acknowledged that his antiques dealings contravened Egyptian law and said that "the manuscript" that he had given Zalkowitsch in exchange for the six stolen pieces was, in fact, two Korans, one being the Persian Safavid Koran, which he had since identified as the very one Zalkowitsch had offered for sale at Christie's on June 11, 1986.

Paris flat but was arrested there in Gallery to note prices during the February 1987, and after five exhibition and an examination of

weeks in La Santé prison in Paris was extradited in December 1988 - a move he did not contest. He was remanded to Pentonville.

The date of the trial was successively adjourned, first to May, then to September 1989. Case No 87/0595, The Crown v Gennady Zalkowitsch, eventually came to trial on Monday, September 4, 1989, at Southwark Crown Court 15. On the face of it, the prosecution still had a compelling case - not least because Sultzbereer had already revealed in a statement that Zalkowitsch had

his passport showed he had made many visits to Cairo. Indeed, he had arrived in Cairo on July 13, 1985, the day after the London burglary.

During the two and a half weeks of the trial, however, a series of contradictions and omissions in the prosecution evidence gradually emerged.

Why did Sheikh Abdelaziz first say he exchanged the stolen goods for "a manuscript" and refer to the Persian Koran only after it had been listed in a widely circulated Christie's catalogue? And why did a sheikh refer to a Koran as a 'manuscript" when this would be comparable to a Catholic priest referring to the Bible as "a book"?

oints of interest and anomolies also emerged during the case. The gallery's own books, when ordered to be produced by the judge, in many cases revealed major differences between cost prices and insurance valuations, something that Hoare said was regular practice in the art world. Three examples were items bought for \$708, \$750, and \$750 and valued for insurance purposes at \$10,000 each.

For Zalkowitsch to have arrived in Cairo on July 13, the entry date revealed in his passport, the only aircraft he could have caught would have left Heathrow the evening before. Yet it was only at the very end of the trial that it was acknowledged that he would have been airborne several hours before the burglary was committed.

And why would the goods have ever been taken to Cairo in the first place when the smuggling of Islamic art is regarded by the Egyptian government as a crime of such seriousness that it carries automatic sentences of 15 years' imprisonment? And how were they smuggled through an airport whose security officials are renowned for the manner in which they unfailingly examine all incoming suitcases for evidence of

By this stage there was a strong the story only because Barakat, alarmed that his possession of

stolen goods had come into the open, badly needed a supplier to "take the rap". Once Zalkowitsch had been selected, then Egypt which Zalkowitsch had been visiting so frequently in connection with his latest film project became the obvious location for

the "handover". One factor was vital to the whole construction, however. If Zalkowitsch maintained he had had no dealings with Abdulaziz, how then had he acquired the Safavid Koran that was undoubtedly in his possession at the time of the Christie's sale?

Zalkowitsch's luck had turned. Remarkably, he had bought the critical Koran from a man called Mohammed Sabbah in Paris in the first few weeks of 1984 in front of two witnesses. Brigitte van Meerhaghe, a French actress, and her assistant. Furthermore, an Englishman with whom Zalkowitsch had stayed was able to swear he had not only seen it in London in the first half of 1984 but had actually looked after it in his house on Zalkowitsch's behalf during those months. And both the Englishman and van Meerhage came forward to testify at the trial. So, at the last hurdle, the

prosecution case had collapsed. After a trial lasting two and a half weeks, the jury returned a unanimous not guilty verdict on all counts.

But just how close had Zalkowitsch come to falling victim of a miscarriage of justice? His defence lawyer, Brian Rose-Smith, believes that even a specialized police art squad probably would have prosecuted. "The danger in cases such as this is to accept the evidence which appears to fit and to turn a blind eye to anything

which doesn't," he says.

And did the stolen items ever leave Britain? "Personally, I think they did." Rose-Smith says. "But whether they ever entered Egypt is quite another matter." Whatever the unsolved mys-

teries, the end of the affair is on public record. Soon after 2pm on September 19, 1989, Zalkowitsch walked out of Southwark Crown

From vicious to

It is odd that a recent correspondent to The Times felt the need to boast that he had been playing croquet on New Year's Day. I played a couple of games on Boxing Day, and would have played a couple more on the day after Boxing Day had my younger brothers not viciously beaten me the day before. Croquet is the ideal Christmas

game: almost as stationary as Monopoly and twice as nasty. With garden flares, a good jersey and a little restraint when requering the black ball, it can even be played at dead of night, though this multiplies the opportunities for cheating. Indeed, I had planned to be playing it at the stroke of midnight on December 3t, and would have done so had my attention not been diverted by the surprise entrance of Miss Kylie Minogue on Clive James's teleusion show.

Croquet is a game that tends to he played by people who, like myself, dread most other games. It manages to fall outside the pro-scribed categories of Team Games Games Involving Mud; Cames Demanding a Knowledge of Longest Rivers; Games Coloarzed by Lionel Blair, Games for Dong Car Journeys; Games with listruction Manuals the Length of Pengnin Classics and Games Which Promise "Hilarious Fun

for the Young at Heart". Only one other game I know Chegories. As it seems to be virtually unknown, I thought I would let readers of The Times in on the secret. So few people know



Craig Brown

about it that, as far as I can tell, it has yet to gain an official title, but I call it the Word Game. The instructions could not be

shorter or simpler. While one person keeps time and the score, the other person must name as many words beginning with a given letter as is possible within the space of one minute. And

Oh, dear, you will no doubt be muttering to yourself, that sounds hideously boring. But it isn't. As I blurt and bellow the words out at breakneck speed - book, bread, bind, binding, bound, ban, ban-ning, band, business, busy, bee, blank, bank, bar, bartender, barter, bash, bashing, bashes, bashed, blooming, boast, baste - my brain whires and bleeps at such an intensity that time itself seems to expand within my head, every tongue-tied pause seeming to last half an hour, every smooth se-quence (blank, bank, bar, bartender, barter, bash) carrying with it its own satisfying rhythm and logic, those 60 seconds managing to contain all the drama, misery,

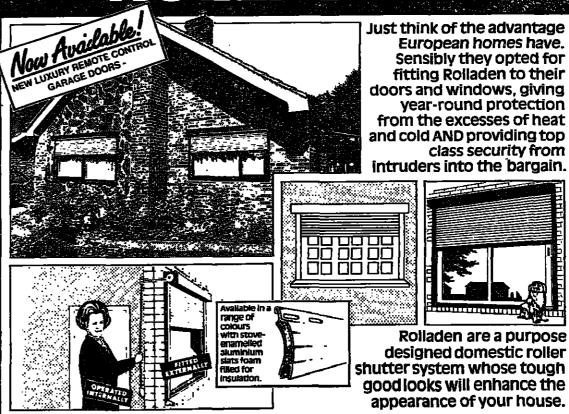
obtainable only over periods of five years or more.

It is also, in a discreet, trouble free way, a Truth Game. The extremely short time limit disallows self-censorship, so that one's preoccupations surface whether one likes it or not. I feel sure that the genuine example given above of my own recent go at the letter "B" (blank-bank-barbartender-barter-bash) amounts to a handy summary of goings-on recognizable to all but the most placed of freelance writers.

For a beginner, a score of 18 words in a minute is commendable, but after you have played the game a few times you should be reaching the lower thirties. Having grasped every opportunity to play the game over the past 10 years, I have just managed to reach 60, though my friend Napier Miles, with whom one session lasted so long that by the end the same letters were coming round for the third time, has achieved 67. The secret is to go for the verbs, and to extract every last drop from each one - for example, bank, banks, banking, banker, banked, bankable, and so on.

Those who would prefer a less abstract version can play the same game but with a given subject instead of a letter, such as Actors with Moustaches or Deposed Dictators. As a purist I prefer the standard version, although I modestly admit to having once attained no fewer than 34 Dead Rock Stars in 60 seconds, a feat aided by the then-recent death of





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onservative MP Robert Adley was suprised to receive in his post before Christmas a bottle of champagne and a video from the quarrying division of the construction firm, Tarmac. The video went straight into the bin. A bottle of bubbly is a more serious proposition. He gave it to the clerks in the Government whips' office. But Adley did not leave the matter there. What favour and influence was being sought — and could it have anything to do with Department of Transport contracts to build new roads? He wrote to Tarmac suggesting there must have been some mistake, but that, anyway, he didn't want their gift. Back came a tart reply from Jack Mawdsley, Tarmac's chief executive, saying that "many hundreds" had responded favourably to the presentation and only two, Adley and Labour's Dennis Skinner, had objected. "What a strange alliance," Mawdsley added. Not at all, says Adley. "Dennis Skinner and I entered Parliament on the same day nearly 20 years ago and although we are poles apart politically, it is not the first time we have joined forces in debunking people with inflated views of their own importance." And for future reference, Adley tells me, if anyone wants to buy him, he costs a lot more than a bottle of champagne.

• Great parliamentary answers of our time...In a written question on Monday, Labour MP Alan Wynne Williams asked the Chancellor if he would make a statement on interest rates. Back came the reply on John Major's helalif from junior minister Richard Ryder: "The bank base rate is 15 per cent." Very helpful.

ichael Spicer, promoted last week to fill the slot vacated by Michael Howard at the Department of the Environment, is a minister very much in demand. Although his name was to be found this week on DoE written parliamentary answers, and he appeared briefly in the Marsham Street office on Monday, he cannot formally take up his new post until next week, nearly a fortnight after the announcement of his appointment. John Wakeham, the Energy Secretary, has decided that Spicer is indispensable in his old job as a junior energy minister, so Spicer was still in Committee Room 11 yesterday seeing the Coal Industry Bill through its committee stage and will be there again tomorrow. Whitehall sources tell me that in their experience Spicer's dual ministerial role is unique.



'It wasn't half as bad as what Neville

es Wilson and his fellow campaigners who yesterday launched their Parents Against Tobacco campaign are optimistic that their pleas for tougher action by the Department of Health to keep children away from cigarettes will not fall on deaf ears. The minister responsible for enforcing the regulations which forbid shopkeepers to sell cigarettes to under-16s a law which, it is claimed, is breached by one in two tobacconists - is Virginia Bottomley. As a backbencher on January 31, 1986, she told the Commons: "For too long children have been able to buy cigarettes. Parents and shopkeepers have not been vigilant. It is a matter not only of legislation but of enforcement." Quite so. And in case Mrs Bottomley has since been bitten by the Government's deregulationist bug, the considerate Wilson has sent her a copy of her words to remind her.

t will not be long, I predict, before Nigel Lawson is fixed up with a top City job. I learn that offers are flying thick and fast. City rumour suggests that Lazards, the merchant bank, is keen to continue the tradition begun by Sir John Nott of having a former cabinet minister as chairman. A second whisper says that BZW, the merchant banking division of Barclays, would like him to succeed its chairman, Sir Martin Jacomb, a long-time Lawson friend and adviser, whose contract runs out in June. Meanwhile, there is still no sign that Lawson is ready to produce the book for which the publishers are offering a small fortune, although literary agents hope that the appearance of what threatens to be a noholds-barred tome from former Downing Street adviser Sir Alan Walters in April may sting the former chancellor into action.

apanese prime ministers, like Japanese tourists, seem reconciled to their overseas trips becoming whistle-stop tours crammed in between more pressing business at home. The current Japanese prime minister, Toshiki Kaifu, is no exception. He arrives in London tomorrow in the course of an eight-nation, 10-day tour of Western and Eastern Europe; typically, he will be here for less than 24 hours. For more than a year Japan has been suffering from dip-

lomatic inactivity and, at times, near-paralysis in policy-making. First the prolonged illness and death of Emperor Hirohito, then the debilitating financial and sex scandals which led to unprecedented electoral setbacks for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) have made the Japanese more inward-looking and less self-confident After cautiously feeling his

way since last August, when he became his country's third prime minister in as many months, Kaifu now wishes to demonstrate Japanese re-engagement in international affairs. Last September he made the

obligatory pilgrimage to Washington to pay his respects to the US president. Now, with the question of West European inte-gration and the disintegration of Eastern Europe at the centre of persuade his European hosts that

Brian Bridges previews Kaifu's visit to Britain

Japan wakes to Europe

Japanese, and world, attention, Europe easily became the logical choice for his second overseas

trip.
For much of the 1980s the West European countries were seen by the Japanese as incapable of adjusting their economies to the challenges of the high technology era, but over the last couple of years that perception has changed under the impetus of the EC's 1992 single market. The resurgence in European business confidence and activity in the run-up to 1992 has attracted increasing numbers of Japanese traders and, more significantly, investors. However, while Kaifu may be

preaching to the converted when he meets Mrs Thatcher, not all Europeans share her enthusiasm for industrial collaboration with the Japanese, and she, too, endorses the general European dissatisfaction with the persistent trade imbalance with Japan.

Japan really is becoming the "import superpower" he so glibly promised in the early days of his premiership. During his visits to five EC countries, he will lobby against those within the EC who might want to use the 1992 process to settle old scores with Japan.

Kaifu clearly wants to move the focus of his talks with West European leaders towards areas of potential co-operation, such as developmental assistance to the Third World, international environmental protection, and political and strategic consultation - especially relations with the two superpowers following the dramatic change in East-West relations. Kaifu will be treading new ground in going to Poland and Hungary later this week, the first Japanese prime minister to do so.

Japan has always felt rather ambivalent about its role as a member of the Western club, for its American and European partners expect it not only to abide by the rules but to pay the opposed to the Soviet Union itself - had been very limited.

there have been frequent calls in recent years for Japan to play a political role in international affairs equivalent to its economic strength. In foreign aid, Japan has responded by grad-ually eschewing its own commercial imperatives and

concentrating more on countries and regions important not just to Japan but to the West as a whole. The new Japanese aid com-mitments to Eastern Europe, which Kaifu will formally annonnce during his visit, need to be seen in those terms too. The Japanese naturally do not feel that East European political and economic stability is of such direct importance to them as to Western Europe and the US, but precisely for that reason it is an interesting test case of how far the Japanese rhetoric of the "indivisibility of Western security" is put into practice. Until the last few months, Japanese

interest in Eastern Europe - as

trade is with the EC; with Eastern Europe, less than 0.5 per cent. Investment has been minimal; a handful of small joint ventures in Hungary, none at all with Poland until two weeks ago. Japanese companies see little profit to be made in the domestic markets of Eastern Europe, though some, with an eye to the developing EC-East European relationship, see some potential for using these countries as a back-door to the post-1992 EC.

If Japanese companies are, for the moment, adopting a wait-and-see attitude, then the onus falls on the Japanese govern-ment to take a lead. It will probably do so, but, as has happened so often in the past, one step behind its European and American allies. Kaifu's visit to Eastern Europe, therefore, has more symbolism than substance. Re-

grettably, despite a genuine de-

sire within the Japanese Foreign

Ministry to deepen the relation-ship with Europe, his hectic

same can be said about the West European part of the tour as well.
Indeed, with Kaifu and his ruling
LDP soon facing a crucial general election for the Lower House, the timing and scope of the whole trip suggests that the need to impress the voters back home with an image of inter-national statesmanship is still paramount. Kaifu's ill-starred predecessor,

schedule means that much the

Sousuka Uno, visited Europe in July 1989 to attend the Paris summit; he was given the cold shoulder and a few weeks later led his party to its worst-ever results in Upper House elections. By keeping his head down and avoiding trouble, Kaifu has slowly and quietly restored some of the LDP's standing. He must be hoping that his European tour will have a much more positive effect than his predecessor's did on his party's, and his own, political future.

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Unfortunately for the West, neither of the most likely election results — a slim majority for either the LDP or for a coalition opposition — will encourage the Japanese speedily to shake off their introversion in the international arena.

The author was formerly head of the East Asia Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House.

Roger Boyes reports on the resurgent nationalism threatening East European stability

Old canker eating at new freedom

revolutions though is emotional.

Bucharest

The collapse of com-munist rule in Eastern Europe has left a void which nationalism is all too ready to fill. Frontiers are already being challenged, and as a pluralistic political system evolves, so nationalist voices repressed first under the Nazis and then under Soviet-inspired rule - are becoming louder and more strident. When, in 1917-1918, Ger-

many, Austro-Hungary, Russia and Turkey crumbled, there was a scramble to snatch parts of the disintegrating empires and to establish new nation-states. The new order was determined at Versailles by President Wood-row Wilson and the leaders of Britain and France. But in the confusion of shifting frontiers, much depended on military power. Poland's Marshal Pilsudski tried to seize Lithuania and part of the Ukraine to reestablish the old Jagiellonian Empire. Under the 1920 Treaty of Trianon, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia took slices of Hun-gary. Czechs and Slovaks were A pessimistic, but quite probgary. Czechs and Slovaks were brought together in an un- able scenario for Romania in the comfortable ménage. Yugoslavia coming months is that the new Slavs constructed around the

Kingdom of Serbia. Most of the post-communist states want to introduce a free market, or some variant of welfare capitalism, but have falling or stagnant industrial output, outdated machinery and low investment ratios. At the same time, they want political pluralism, parliamentary democracy and a free press. That is difficult but, with imagination, it can be done. The third strand of the 1989

the quest for national selfdetermination. It is this, the nationalist element, which will burden the young post-communist governments, the pas-sions are running fierce from Berlin to Bessarabia. The ethnic and national differences which sprang from the debris of the old empires have never been resolved, and now that com-munism has failed as a colonial system, the newly democratizing countries are reaching back into their past. There is a feeling throughout Eastern Europe that, as accidents of history, many people are living in the wrong place, separated from their spir-

ow is post-Ceausescu Romania, for example, to cope with this pressure? At the moment, the Romanian leadership displays a soft glow of tolerance (except towards gypsies, the traditional scapegoat of Eastern Europe), but this will probably

rities will try to slow down the pace of the revolution. The students will grow impatient and take to the streets. The shops, artificially filled with food that should have been exported, will empty again, and the workers will be radicalized. The support of the army will become more ambiguous, and suddenly someone will play the popular nationalist card.

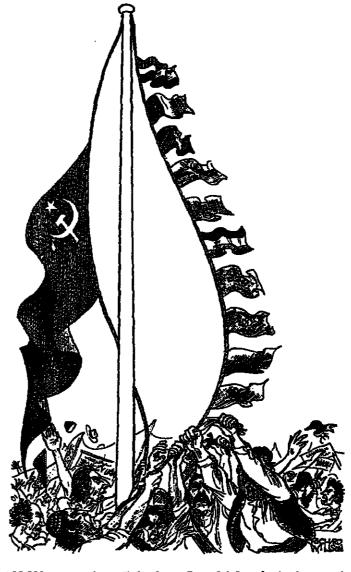
The fledgling democracy has already been encouraging secessionist demands in Soviet Moldavia. which Romania was forced 1940. Despite mass deportation of Romanians by Stalin, two-thirds of the people in Moldavia are ethnic Romanians.

During the Ceausescu era. they were understandably reluctant to return to the motherland. Now intellectuals (especially, for some specifically Balkan reason. poets) have constructed a joint action committee linking Bucharest with the Moldavian cap-ital, Kishinev. They are demanding from Gorbachov at least an open Soviet-Romanian border, but if Moscow gives way on this, secessionist movements throughout the western regions of the Soviet Union will press for

Romania's revolutionary government came to power after an uprising in Transylvania, where Ceausescu made crude attempts at Romanizing the Hungarian and German minorities (bringing him to the brink of war with Hungary). The new government says it will guarantee the rights of ethnic Hungarians and Germans still living there. But privileges are being demanded for the ethnic Hungarians. This could lead to trouble now that Romanians and Hungarians are no longer united in their suffering. In Bulgaria, the Todor

similar concessions.

Zhivkov regime expelled at short notice several hundred thousand ethnic Turks after failing to "Bulgarize" them. This programme included attempts to force Turks to change their names to ones that sound more Bulgarian and to close mosques and Turkish-language schools. When Zhivkov was toppled, in November, the new leadership pledged to make life easier for the Turkish minority, and about



100,000 returned to Bulgaria. But many party officials in the provinces have not accepted the newly ordained liberalization. and are treating the Turks as badly as ever. Southern Bulgaria is the scene of constant clashes and demonstrations. Even members of the anti-communist opposition are joining in the demonstrations, shouting "Bulgaria for the Bulgarians." As Bonn takes on a major

financial share in the democratic restructuring of Eastern Europe, so the importance of German minorities has become more apparent. For decades, Poland has minimized the significance of the Silesian Germans. Now, as a condition of West German aid to Poland, the ethnic Germans are to be allowed their own newspapers and religious services. A modest enough step, one might think, but many recall

how Hitler manipulated German minorities in Czecho-slovakia (in the Sudetenland) and in Poland before the war.

Moreover, there is a wide-spread fear in Poland that West German companies will start to buy back the land and properties they lost after the Second World-War or start new companies. This will give the economy a vital boost, but if they are to escape serious friction, the Germans will have to display considerable political sensitiv-ity. The Polish Communist Party has already tried to stir up the issue: it would like to present itself as the party of true, patriotic Poles at a time when a Solidarity government is inter-nationalizing the economy.

ast Germans and Poles are also at loggerheads. In many East German shops signs in Polish have been put up announcing: "Only German customers; served." Polish traders, buying in bulk in cheap East German shops, have become scapegoats for the empty shelves. But to the Poles, such treatment smacks of the Nazi era.

Central and Eastern Europe is a crowded place. There are well over 150 million people rubbing shoulders, jabbing each other in the ribs. But much has been learnt during the past 50 years, and national antagonism — be-tween Czechs and Slovaks, for instance — is not as fierce as it was. But the revolutions of 1989, the overwhelming force of "people power" against a fatigued and defunct system, have created multiple and probably ir-

reconcilable demands. Nobody, least of all the Soviet Union, has found an answer Blood is spilt, tanks appear or the streets, martyrs are made. In Bucharest a friend who can now talk openly to me gripped my arm and hissed: "We must be careful - here is the tinder of a

Balkan bombast? Perhaps. But there is a dull pulse of anxiety in Eastern Europe.

Labour's half-hearted step to a Bill of Rights

Julia Neuberger finds its proposed charter partisan and full of holes

Oxford last Saturday, Roy Hattersley presented what he described as a Charter of Rights to be introduced by a future Labour government. However, he was strongly opposed to the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. This convention, which Britain ratified in 1952, has 14 articles guaranteeing far wider rights and freedoms than those in Labour's proposed

Labour has always been against the convention, as is shown by the Cabinet papers of the post-war years when it was drawn up. The measure was strongly opposed by Labour's then Lord Chancellor, the Colonial Secretary, and the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer.

They could not bear the idea of European Court of Human Rights' jurisdiction when individuals or groups petitioned over alleged UK breaches of the convention. They were also worried that the convention would impede nationalization and other Labour policies.

Forty years on, the Labour leaders' attitude is just as reactionary. Instead of pledging themselves to take the obvious, easy and speedy step of incorporating the European Convention into British law, they have gone for a cumbersome, lengthy and difficult set of proposed Bills, the so-called "charter", which would protect only a few of the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by the European Convention and would take a great deal of parliamentary time to achieve. Labour's argument against

incorporating the European Convention as at least part of a Bill of Rights is twofold. First, it means trusting the judiciary to interpret the Bill of Rights in an appropriate way. Second, and more important, it means protecting rights with which parts of the Labour Party are out of sympathy. It would almost certainly protect the public schools, for instance, and the rights of people who have bought shares in the privatized industries, such as British Gas and British Telecom, to fair compensation if they are ever renationalized.

This is a dangerous line for Labour to follow. For a start, its selective approach would exclude a broad range of rights which most Labour supporters would like the law clearly to uphold, such as trade union rights and free speech for newspapers and broadcasting. And though few votes may be won by supporting rights for unpopular groups, such as prisoners, there is a strong moral argument for doing so. All these are covered under the European Convention; none is mentioned in the Labour charter.

Furthermore, a partisan approach means that Labour's Charter of Rights can never be seen as being truly above party, and therefore capable of effective entrenchment. However, a true Bill of Rights, incorporating the European Convention, would

provide not only a clear statement of principle; it would protect individuals and minorities from majorities, including elected majorities, because there would be effective domestic remedies for the ordinary citizen in the domestic courts if any breach occurred.

One would expect the left to lead the way on this issue, particularly because younger people feel more and more strongly about it. Yet Messrs Hattersley and Kinnock are at one with Mrs Thatcher in opposing such a measure because of the limitation of parliamentary power that it implies.

The Labour proposals for strengthening our race and gender discrimination legislation are important, but do not amount to a comprehensive Charter of Rights. Nor does the institution of a Freedom of Information Act, to replace the Official Secrets Act. Such a measure is undoubtedly necessary; the onus must be on

government to prove that it is in the national interest to restrict access to information about government actions and policies which rightly belongs in the public domain. But that is only one small part of the right to free expression enshrined in the European Convention. It is not, however, only the

incompleteness and partisan quality of the proposed Charter of Rights that is so objectionable. Labour also wants a new elected second chamber, from the regions, instead of the House of Lords. That would almost certainly mean an inbuilt Labour majority in the second house, which would, in the new dispensation, be able to delay legislation that went against these "rights" for five years. It would also take considerable time to establish the system. while incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights would be a comparatively simple and speedy matter. The truth of the matter is that,

despite the change of heart among young Labour supporters, the party leaders are not serious about rights. They do not want to see the European Convention incorporated into British law and do not trust the judges sufficiently to let them act as checks and balances on the legislature and the executive. This mistrust is strange, since judges throughout Europe have been filling this role for decades; our own judges in this respect have a perfectly good record for instance, the Law Lords sitting in the Privy Council interpret Bills of Rights for the 12 Caribbean Commonwealth

democracies and Mauritius. Labour does not share the progressive approach of other European socialists to these matters, and so all it has done is produce a piecemeal set of reforms which will do nothing to convince the ordinary citizen that there is protection in law against possible abuses of rights by the government, of whatever political hue.

Rabbi Neuberger was a founder member of Charter 88.

"It may be a little painful at first," said my lovely dentist, Iona, and she began my root canal treatment by sticking a hypodermic needle straight into the roof of my

Still with me? Good. Breathe deeply, play soothing music. No. I didn't know you could stick needles there either, but then you do discover things at the dentist's, including the capacity to endure little bits of wire being twiddled about up your teeth. Not that one feels anything, of course, except, perhaps, what it's like to have one's mandibles scoured out with

a dyno rod. "I have all my own teeth," says some plucky pensioner, baring yellow chompers of excessive length and glossiness thanks to a lifetime eating carpet and other British delicacies. Well, good for you, dearie, so have I; though rather too many of them are now

Jut-setter in the dentist's chair

anchored in their sockets with kedge, grapnel and baling twine. It must be my healthy diet. But this was not why Miss Helen Taylor BDS, MScD, D.Orth, M.Orth, FDS RCS (Eng). wrote to me. She lectures in dentistry and had been watching Smith and Jones carefully for source material. "It so happens that both of you present in profile a minor relative imbalance between the upper and lower jaws, such that the lower jaw appears more prominent," she wrote.

Well, I shall have to abandon

the line whenever I am inter-

viewed that Smith and I have

nothing in common. If Miss

Taylor's diagnosis gets around,

subscribers to My Weekly will read that one of us has a highangle mandibular prognathism and the other has a low-angle maxillary hypoplasia, which are different ways of saying that we both have the same neanderthal bite. Our bottom set of gnashers projects beyond our top set. Check your own. You see. Your

top ones go over your bottom ones. If they don't, stay away from dentists with orthodontic ambitions. You are one of between 3 and 8 per cent of the population, and dentists like conformity to the post-Ice Age norm. I know this because, when I was a schoolboy, the Eastman Dental Hospital decided to fur-



RHYS JONES

nish me with a designer bite. I was wired up. Pieces of metal were hammered on to every spare dentation. I had a plastic plate in my mouth and a couple of tiny rubber bands hooked from the

front of my bottom set of teeth to the back of my top set. At night I wore what appeared to be Victorian underwear strapped to my head: elasticated garters with metal grommets hooked over prongs glued to my incisors. It was a mistake to eat certain foods: foolhardy, like throwing toffee into a steam engine. I had a smile like the front of a mechanical

excavator. The trainee dentists would take the sweetest little spanners to the timiest little nuts and tighten them the minutest fractions. This caused the hugest pain. One day the consultant interrupted them in mid-crank and peered at me

solemnly. "I think it's heredi-

were fighting my genes, and my genes were winning. "Take this lot off." I wiped away a grateful tear. Then he looked down at my chin. "I suggest we slice a section out of the lower jaw on both sides and push the whole lot back half

an inch. I was out in the Gray's Inn Road with my mouth still wide open before you could say "Ahh." Naturally I went nowhere near the dentist for the next 15 years. That is why I'm losing all my teeth now. In a while my lower gums will stick out beyond my

upper gums. I can still gnash. In the event of social congress, I can bare my

teeth to indicate affability. But to the professional eye, I am de-formed, Luckily, Miss Taylor was

not touting for work. "I am writing to ask if you would permit me to show a slide of the pair of you in classic headto-head pose as part of the introduction to one of my

lectures." The slide has been furnished. Glaswegian orthodontic students will look upon our jaws and turn to their spanners and braces with renewed vigour. And why?. Because they will see that their skill might save someone from having to prostitute their facial abnormalities in a grotesque tele-

vision freak show, that's why. No, no, spare me your thanks.
"It was nothing," I say. Well, actually, I say "It was nuffing", but that's hour thanks. but that's because I have a peculiar bite. I must do sómething about it some day.

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MOTORWAY SANITY

The horrific crash in thick fog on the M25 on Monday night has been followed by the now traditional warnings to motorists that speed, fog, and motorways make a potentially fatal combination. The tendency to go too fast in fog is a phenomenon the police have labelled "motorway madness," a phrase which has passed into the vernacular.

While all such warnings are timely, and it is of course true that the safety of motorways depends on the discipline and skill of those whouse them, there is another danger - that of fatalistic acceptance of the inevitability of serious crashes in fog — which represents another form of madness. It is as if every time there was serious fog, people would expect to hear, almost as a matter of course, that an aircraft or two had crashed on landing at Heathrow, or a few trains had collided headon. In fact the public would not tolerate it. If airrorts were not safe in fog, it would demand that they be closed until visibility was clear again. And that in effect is what happens.

Perhaps, therefore, the time has come for a different approach on the roads. The very phase motorway madness implies that the only real solution lies in encouraging more responsible behaviour on the roads, as if the only issue was driver culpability. But it is false logic to assume that as soon as a motorist sees fog he abandons his usual caution and decides deliberately to run a much higher degree of risk than he otherwise would. It is more likely that he ries unconsciously to adjust to the greater rish as he understands it, but calculates it wrongly. The task, therefore, is to make such calculations of risk by individual drivers more realistic and accurate.

This is a problem of communication and design, which is to some extent already being recognized. In theory at least it ought to be open to technological solutions. The section of motorway where Monday's collision happened was due to be equipped by this winter with a sophisticated fog warning system controlled by computer, but unfortunately the system was not ready in time. Its purpose is to emphasize to drivers that they are driving in fog, which at first sight might seem obvious; but experience has taught that such warnings are necessary and inceed are effective.

Such measures work by penetrating the false sense of security which is a feature of motorway driving and one of the primary causes of accidents. They alert a driver to the fact that his normal automatic and almost unconscious responses are not likely to be good enough in certain unusual conditions. The same is true of the tactic the police sometimes adopt, of patrolling fog-bound roads intensively (and at a safe speed) with their blue flashing lights switched on.

The distance between vehicles has been identified as a crucial factor in motorway safety, never more critically so than in fog. Some thought has already been given to various measures, including the French practice of special road markings. This works by improving the quality of the information fed to the driver and by offering it early enough to allow him to leave the motorway before meeting the hazard.

It is not beyond the possibilities of the technology now available to design automatic sensors capable of measuring the distance from the vehicle in front, or sensors capable of measuring the density of fog, either attached to the car or installed at the roadside. These would give the driver the additional information he seems to lack; conceivably they could even be designed to over-ride his judgement if he ignored them. Undoubtedly if aircraft were regularly colliding in the air in fog, it is to some such technological remedies that aircraft operators would be forced to turn. This approach is already incorporated in railway signalling systems - if a locomotive driver passes a signal at red the train brakes are applied automatically.

Such technologies are bound to be expensive. But they should not be rejected just because they would reduce the comfortable sense of autonomy of the man at the wheel. Without such a new approach, few things are more inevitable than that there will be another dozen or so serious multiple motorway accidents in fog by the end of the century. The question is whether the community should continue to regard this frightening prospect as tolerable; or whether the time has come to design motorway madness out of the system, even if the cost of doing so is high.

MR HURD'S BALANCING ACT

Mr Douglas Hurd's speech on Europe yesterday nade some progress towards reconciling the divisions within the Tory Party on policy towards the Community. His balancing act consisted of stressing the "fundamental" significance of changes in Eastern Europe for the future evolution of the Community, (the Prime Minister's favourite theme), while emphazing that the dismantling of the Iron Curtain strengthened the validity of the Community rather than undermining it.

enough to reassure Britain's dispirited posse of MEPs who are to meet Mrs Thatcher on January 24. The order of priorities Mr Hurd set out for the Community in 1990 betrays, perhaps, where the heart lies: help for Eastern Europe came first, followed by pressing ahead with the 1992 Single Market; "practical and substantial debate" on monetary union came third. Yet that is where the heart of the contriversy has come to he: EMU has become shortland for the debates over sovereignty.

MrHurd's speech provides some pointers to the spirit in which the Government will approach the inter-governmental conference on monetary union. The point to grasp, according to Mr Hurd, "is that we are arguing about the nature of economic and monetary union not the fact". While in substance that represents no advance on policy agreed since the EC summit in Madrid last summer, it indicates the Government's acceptance that the debate on EMU cannot be delayed.

The British position remains that EMU can only le realized after completion of the Single Market, including the dismantling of exchange controls and free trade in financial services. But the Foreign Secretary's tone was decidedly positive, even optimistic, in his prediction that progress to a "single financial area" in 1993 was on course. And, in an apparent departure from British opposition at Strasbourg to the decision to convene the conference this year, he admowledged that it makes sense to start

mapping out "practical detail". The end result however, must still be "compatible with the national traditions of member states" - no sign there of accepting the budgetary corset of the Delors plan. Community decisions must be taken in the context of securing the stability of Europe as a whole.

The double entendre in the Foreign Secretary's welcome for the rediscovery in Eastern Europe of the pleasures of singing in harmony rather than unison, and the prospect this offered for a "concert of Europe", will not be lost on Brussels. Nor, perhaps, will the importance the Foreign Secretary attached to American involvement in European affairs an emphasis not wholly attributable to the nature of his audience.

His speech was addressed to the annual joint conference of members of the European Parliament and US Congressmen. Mr Hurd used the occasion to give enthusiastic endorsement to President Bush's new strategy of asserting a strong US interest in what it has termed the "new architecture" of Europe.

Setting out that strategy last month, the US Secretary of State, Mr James Baker, called for institutional links with the European Community, possibly even taking the form of a treaty. A treaty may not be the best approach, and Mr Hurd yesterday indicated a preference for closer practical co-operation rather than a formal framework. He lent unequivocal support, however, to the broader US objective of ensuring that measures to achieve European integration "bridge the Atlantic Ocean".

That is an issue which ought to transcend arguments over the "special" status of the Anglo-US relationship, or its compatibility with British commitment to the Community. The difficulty of adapting all Western institutions to change in Eastern Europe cannot be underestimated. It is, as he said, a challenge which Europe and the US must meet "shoulder

ROARING LIKE ANY LION

The Louse of Commons Select Committee on Agriculture demanded yesterday that all British eggs should be allowed to carry a stamp indicting their country of origin - in effect the return of the "little lion" mark on eggs. At first sight that amounts to no more than a storm in an eg cup.

Existing British and European regulations alrestly allow egg boxes to state the country from which they come, and the Ministry of Agriculture is encouraging British egg producers to take advantage of that permission. But evenif the committee's point is somewhat halfbake, they have in making it drawn attention to a purious result of the great salmonella egg crisisof last year. Now, at last, British eggs are best Mrs Edwina Currie could hardly hope for a more satisfying memorial to her efforts.

From over-slackness, the British egg producing ildustry and the regulations governing its prodict safety have now swung to the other extreme. Britain is the only country in Europe with such a draconian poultry slaughtering policy - so severe that last year it drove protesting nuns into their hen-coops out of solidarity with their condemned chickens. If just one bird is found to be infected with salupnella, the whole flock has to be

destroyed The evidence suggests that the chance of salmonella infection from an egg is now significantly higher if that egg hails from forein parts. MPs are well aware that one egg looks much like another, and suggest discrimination against aliens should be made casie by identifying each one. They obviously have a certain preserence for the soft-boiled egg

intact in its shell, for they have no suggestions for labelling the scrambled or fried variety.

If Common Market eggs upset British stomachs, they deserve the worst that can happen to them - which is to remain in the shops in their boxes, unbought and uneaten. Having put their domestic hen-houses in order, the British are entitled to demand no less from the egg importers. And there is no better lever than a market force to make them comply. First, however, the public has to be taught to tell one from the other. Clear labelling on boxes and a modest degree of publicity for the facts should be all that is

Foreign eggs cannot be banned by law from British shops without inviting the wrath of Brussels, but they can easily be banned by the action of the British housewife operating out of British kitchens. Foreign egg producers will quickly enough be clamouring for the introduction of uniform and stricter safeguards against salmonella once they discover the foreignness of their eggs has been rumbled, and is rapidly becoming a stigma against sales.

To the publicity necessary for this desirable outcome, the select committee has added its useful halfpence by its suggestion - a curate's egg, perhaps - that every British egg should wear a patriotic badge. Neither the ministry nor the industry jumped at the idea yesterday, and it would require an amendment to European egg regulations. The result of that would hardly be worth the effort, but the point is sufficiently controversial in its harmless way to generate attention for the wider issue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to attract ablest youth

From the Master of Churchill College, Cambridge

Sir, Mr David Davis, MP, in your issue of January 4, states a number of facts, but his drawing of conclusions is more debatable.

In our free market for choosing a job and, before that, for choosing a subject to read at university, pull is always far more effective than push. There are two main characteristics by which an emplover can attract able young people - viz., by offering them a good chance of soon carrying real responsibility, and by a good salary.

City institutions and several major industrial companies know this, and generally get all the competent and ambitious young graduates they want; many companies who do not offer such jobs at such salaries deservedly do not so succeed. It is absurd to think that by making a career in pure science less possible we can drive young graduates to industrial companies who do not know how to use them or how to pay them properly.

I wish industry and commerce the best of luck in learning how to attract our ablest young people. If they are so successful that, as a result, fewer excellent young people become academics, I will grin and bear it.

But that is very different from first, and with intent, reducing opportunities in pure science in the vague but surely forlorn hope that as a result good graduates will accept industrial jobs offering little scope and less money. They have plenty of other outlets, here and abroad.

Yours faithfully HERMANN BONDI Churchill College, Cambridge. January 6.

From Viscount St Davids Sir, I agree with David Davis that British research into saleable technology is being held back by the insistence that all funding of research shall be in directions which have no visible saleable product in view.

Some four years ago I met Cedric Lynch, a young genius inventor, who had produced a radical flat-disc electric motor of 90 per cent efficiency, very much needed by our Green revolution. He was unable to get funds

because it had a commercial use. I helped to finance him and the result has already been a motor which has won all the electric road races, the only electric boat race so far held, and also the world speed record for electric boats - a clear win for Britain, as well as being a motor which can serve many other purposes. Is a motor of 90 per cent efficiency not important to our Green revolution, against the usual 65-75 per cent motors? Industry needs it!

Two of our motors, one mounted as an outboard, are on display on the Amateur Yacht Research Society's stand at the Boat Show, with a push-button attached to a one and a half-volt electric torch cell, so that you can powerfully turn a motor able to drive a 70-foot steel canal boat, Fiona, Countess of Arran's electric speed boat, with our motors, is

also displayed affoat on the pool. We could get no help, and have had none, apart from London Innovation, a private enterprise survivor of the old GLC, and my idiotic self.

Yours faithfully. ST DAVIDS (Director), Electro Marine Technology Ltd., PO Box 919, Lofting Road, N1.

Two-tier pricing

From Mr John Venn Sir, I do very much hope that the Office of Fair Trading does not take up Mr Laurie's call (January 2) for shops to offer a cash discount instead of charging credit card users, once two-tier pricing is

If retailers give a discount to cash customers in addition, of course, to paying the commission on credit card sales, their cost will obviously rise — in our case by an amount equivalent to more than 15 per cent of our net profit.

As retailers tend to work to price points, it is likely that many items would be increased by more than the exact amount necessary to offset the cash discount. The effect of Mr Laurie's proposal is therefore likely to be inflationary. To charge a fee to credit card users would, on the contrary, reduce costs, and thus keep prices down. Yours faithfully, J. E. VENN, The Bazzar.

1, Eastgate Square. Chichester, West Sussex.

Political' advice From Sir Frederick Bishop

Sir, Your correspondent David Walker, writing (Whitehall Brief, January 2) in connection with the release of Cabinet papers for 1959, says that as the then Prime Minister's private secretary I expressed cogent views about "political" questions, for example in a memorandum on Government support for civil research and development.

Needless to say, I have no recollection of this particular bit of paper, in those days (to use the Paycock's phrase) I had to "run hundhreds of dockyments through me hans". But I hope that any views I then expressed were indeed cogent; it would have been feeble to express views that were

The question, as Mr Walker

Speeding up the wheels of justice

From the Head of Court Services, Lord Chancellor's Department received at that court are opened Sir, Godfrey C. Honnywill's letter (January 3) contains a number of statements about the courts which do not properly reflect the present position.

He maintains that both criminal and civil courts are subject to delays unthinkable 10 years ago and that criminal trials take place years after the event. So far as the crown courts are concerned, the average waiting time between committal to the court and trial is now about 10 weeks for cases where the defendant is in custody and 12 weeks when on bail.

In some areas the average for crown court custody cases is less than eight weeks, and in London, where over the years waiting times have been longer than elsewhere. the current waiting time is lower than at any time during the last eight years. These figures have been achieved during a period when the number of crown court cases received has increased from 73,811 in 1983-84 to 104,438 in the year ended March 31, 1989.

Mr Honnywill suggests that a letter written to Bromley County Court will almost certainly not be

From Dr Paul Robertshaw achieve effectively, specifically in fraud trials. It is important to

dence rather than presupposition, all the more so now that the USSR - and, I believe, Hungary are introducing this venerable democratic institution for serious

problems sometimes lacking in and of stamina as much as

There is a case for tane-recording informed jurors' deliberations. This is prohibited by section 8 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981,

A piece of history

Sir, I can answer Kenneth Timings's query (January 2) on a miniature cask inscribed. from the bowsprit of HMS Victory" The Victory was preserved and restored at the instigation of the Society for Nautical Research and with considerable financial assistance from the Save the Victory Fund, a charity which the SNR established in 1922 and still administers.

Victory Museum. Although the Admiralty made the old Dockyard Rigging House available in 1929, it was not until

Assisted places From Mr V. S. Anthony

Sir, While I cannot explain the marked difference in the take-up of assisted places in the North-east compared with the South-west (report, December 27) it is not up rate has fallen in Greater London. Heads of independent schools have been telling officials for some time that the income scale (means test) is much too severe, particularly for a region where the cost of living (particularly housing and transport) is so high and rising.

advice of a party political nature.

section managers. Urgent business is given priority and dealt with quickly but replies to some less urgent letters have been delayed.

and read on the day of receipt by

quent delays of 12 months in the payment of legal-aid fees due to the shortage of staff to assess the

A total of 95 per cent of all crown court claims, within the same period, were assessed and paid within three months of receipt. The remaining 5 per cent fall within the small group of exceptional cases in terms of length of hearing and complexity. Yours faithfully, RAYMOND POTTER,

Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, SW1. January 5.

Juries in fraud trials

Sir, It is clear from reading your distinguished correspondents (December 8, 15, 27; January 1) that there is a serious debate on what juries can and cannot approach these issues with sensitivity and with empirical evi-

other types of trial, notably problems of numeracy and extreme length and complexity, though they usually lack the emotional stress of many crimes of violence. Deliberation in such cases can be a test of memory of the trial itself forensic skill.

fraud trials would be most suited to research in these areas. Some defendants might not wish to give their consent to such research, however discreet, seeing it perhaps as another burden to add to the considerable publicity which will doubtless attend these trials; but there is a steady stream of middlerange frauds, prosecuted by the Crown Prosecution Service rather than the Serious Fraud Office and by the Crown Office in Scotland, which might be better suited for at least pilot study and inter-disciplinary analysis.

From Dr Alan McGowan

Victory was docked in January, 1922, an event that aroused a great deal of interest in the ship and led to the donation of a considerable amount of important historical material, pointing to the need for a

realises, is, what is a "political" issue? All policy issues are, in a narrow sense, political and in that sense Civil Servants are very often

Many issues - perhaps most which ministers have to consider hardly involve party political considerations at all. Where they do, advisers generally accept without question the political dogmas of their ministers; as advisers they are concerned with what options are available, whether measures will work in practice, what diffi-

Accordingly, Civil Servants can and do give equal service to ministers of different parties, as I had done as private secretary to two Labour Party ministers previously, with advice that I dare say was no less cogent.

Mr Honnywill also alleges fre-

bills of costs. I assume he is referring to crown court costs as these are assessed by court staff. In the first half of the current financial year 77 per cent of all legal-aid claims by solicitors for crown court proceedings were assessed by crown court staff and paid within 28 days of receipt.

I pointed out that the protagonists

of jury trials in serious fraud cases

often base their views on high-

sounding phrases which carry

little conviction, such as "a lamp of liberty" and "a bulwark of democracy". In this context I see

no difference between a lamp, a

They also argue that all serious

frand cases eventually boil down

to a simple question as to whether

the defendant knew that what he

was doing was dishonest. I must

repeat my contention, based on

the Roskill report and its

accompanying research, that the

average juror cannot comprehend,

still less remember, the complex

issues which are put before him or

her for four-and-a-half hours, day after day, for weeks on end; the

jury's decision is therefore no

This state of affairs is concealed

from the public because serious

fraud trials are not reported (if

confused as the jury) and a jury is

not required to explain or give

better than a lottery.

bulwark and a pillar.

Head of Court Services, Lord Chancellor's Department,

but a ministerial dispensation under the royal prerogative would be timely in the public interest. Yours sincerely, PAUL ROBERTSHAW,

University of Wales, Cardiff Law School, PO Box 427, Cardiff. From Lord Benson Sir, His Honour Bernard Gillis and his Honour Alan King-Hamilton (December 27) argue that trial by jury is a "pillar of the administration of criminal law". In my letter to you of December 8

Fraud trials can present specific

Some of the forthcoming major

House of Lords. 1937 that sufficient funds had accrued for this secondary purpose - the restoration and refurbishment of the building. In that year work was begun and the Victory Museum was at last opened on July 25, 1938, by Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of

reasons for its decision.

Yours faithfully, HENRY BENSON,

Cork and Orrery.

Beckenham, Kent.

An obvious way to raise money for the Victory Museum was by the sale of small items made from odds and ends of small timber recovered during the restoration. I suspect that the relic owned by Mr Timings is one such and June 2, 1937, was presumably the occasion of a fund-raising drive.

Yours faithfully. ALAN McGOWAN (Chairman, Victory Advisory Technical Committee), 73 Barnfield Wood Road,

difficult to explain why the take-

We have argued the need for a significant modification - an income allowance — to compensate for this. An allowance of £5,000 off the national scale would substantially increase the take-up rate in greater London.

giving political advice. But that does not mean that they are giving

culties will arise, and so on.

As headmaster of a school which has always worked hard to keep places open to pupils from all, including the poorest, back-grounds it has been disappointing to find that parents of poorer pupils, who have done well in our entrance examinations, are unable to afford to take them up. In 1989 we had well over 100 applications for 26 assisted places and yet only 20 could afford to accept them.

With so many of our AP pupils making a success of their school careers, and not only in terms of academic results, I wish David Smith every success in his enquiry and hope that ways will be found to make the scheme ever more effective. Yours faithfully

V. S. ANTHONY (Headmaster), Colfe's School, Horn Park Lane, Lee, SE12.

No doubt it is very easy for Civil Servants in special positions, such as the private offices of the Prime Minister or other ministers, to slip over the line and trespass in the party political field. But in general Civil Servants do not "contest for forms of government" but seek for "whatever is best administered".

I very much hope that Civil Servants will be preserved from having to undergo "training in politics" as your correspondent seems to suggest. If that came about we should soon find (to quote the Paycock again) "the whole counthry's in a state of

Yours faithfully, FREDERICK BISHOP, Manor Barn, Church Road, Bramshott. Liphook, Hampshire. January 4.

Aftermath of Bhopal tragedy

From Dr M. K. Ajwani Sir, I am writing following Ste-phen Miller's letter (December 28) from the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem. Much of its work is similar to ours in Bhopal. also among poor people afflicted by man-made devastation.

The catastrophic leak of MIC gas from the Union Carbide plant on December 3, 1984, killed more than 2,000 people and injured more than 200,000. Ever since then a Sight Savers team of Indian eye doctors, paramedics, and nurses has been working to give eye care to the people affected by the disaster and to the surround ing community; we have treated

about 272,000 people. We now examine between 200 and 300 patients a day and give up to 200 sight-restoring operations each month. All this, last year, cost

about £60,000. We work from two small, simple eye hospitals - one in a converted warehouse in the centre of the city that we managed to lease soon after the disaster, one 10 miles out that was given to us in 1987 by a religious trust. We are building a new eye hospital in the centre of the city to take over and expand the work of the converted

watchouse As well as out-patient and in-patient care, it will provide a community ophthalmology centre to undertake research, training, and ourreach work. The building and equipment of this new hos-

pital will cost about £338,000. About 61 per cent of the patients we now see - more than five years after this, the world's worst industrial accident - have eye problems related to the MIC gas leak. However, we are delighted that, because of generous, caring people in Britain who have given and are giving to Sight Savers Bhopal Appeal, we are able to continue helping these people as well as establishing a permanent eye-care centre for them and their surrounding communities.

Yours sincerely, M. K. AJWANI (Director, Sight Savers Bhopal Eye Hospital), As from: PO Box 191, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. January 8.

Teaching of history

From Mr Keith Martin Sir, Those historians who argued that the inclusion of history in the new curriculum was an unqualified step forward for the subject in schools will have got an un-pleasant surprise from the report

in your issue of December 26. On the one hand, what is to be taught as history in schools is to be laid down by the secretary of state. detailed work done by the national working group into devising a comprehensive curriculum for ages five to 16, it is now suggested that history may be dropped at age

Quite aside from the fact that the history working group has yet to present its final report, one wonders which elements of modern-day history it is proposed not to teach to those who drop the subject at 14.

Yours sincerely, K. MARTIN, 105a Lansdowne Road, Tottenham, N17.

Where credit's due

From Mr Leonard Ketley Sir, As someone who worked in the film industry for many years I have been intrigued at the everincreasing number of credits given to those participating in the production of present-day offerings.

tried to elect the most banal, as at the end of the trivial production the lists roll tediously on, and one of my all-time "greats" was "assistant to the accountant". During Christmas, however, the latter was swept into oblivion by a gentlemen credited as "standby

As a minor diversion I have

olasterer" I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, LEONARD KETLEY, 9 Horton Road, Slapton, nr Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

Seasonal swap

January 4.

From Mr and Mrs Ronald Davison Sir, Mr Richard Need's plea (January 5) for pictorial calendars to show bleak winter scenes in July and the delights of summer January are easily obtained, from

Our friends in Sydney sent a copy of the Australian Geographic Society's calendar for 1989. It took some getting used to seeing pictures "in reverse", so to speak. Yours faithfully RONALD DAVISON. ANN DAVISON. 14 Muskham, Bretton, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

January 5. From Mrs Mary Burgess Sir, Mr Need should obtain his calendars from Guernsey. My niece there sends me one each year, and the winter months are invariably illustrated by scenes of Guernsey in summer sunshine! Yours faithfully, MARY BURGESS. 21 Summerhill Road,

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Saffron Walden, Essex.

January 6.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 9: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The

KENSINGTON PAI ACE January 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, garet, Countess of Snowdon President of The Royal Ballet foday attended a function given at the Royal Opera House by The Friends of Covent Garden honour of Sir Kenneth Mrs Jane Stevens was in

KENSINGTON PALACE January 9: The Duke of Gloucester, as President, was present today at the launch of Citizen Action's Parents Against Tobacco 1990 Campaign at the London Press Centre, 76 Shoe Lane. London EC4. Major Nicholas Barne was in

Birthdays today

Sir Walter Bodmer, geneticist, 54; Mr Eddie Cheever, racing driver, 32; Sir Robin Chich-ester-Clark, former MP, 62; Mr Ster-Clark, former MP, 0.2; Mr
Justin Evans, youth and
recreation worker, 87; Sir Arthur Gold, honorary life president, European Athletic
Association, 73; Mr Sidney
Griller, musician, 79; Mr Derek
Hammond-Stroud, baritone, 64; Sir David Hopkin, chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 68; Sir Derek Hornby, chairman, Rank Xerox (UK), 60; Mr T.E. Hutton, former managing director, Total Oil GB, 69; Sir Robert Marshall, civil servant 70: Professor Peter Mathias. Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 62; Mr Denis Peach, former chief charity commissioner, 62; Mr Anton Rodgers, actor, 57; Mr Rod Stewart, rock

Dinners

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and the High Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies at dinner last night at the Mansion House. Mr and Mrs D.W.O. Butler, Mr E.R W. Bidwell, Miss Sophic Bidwell and Mr James Bidwell were among those present.

Feltmakers' Company Mr Jack Wallworth, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, entertained the Sheriffs at a Plough Monday dinner held last night at Armourers' and Brasiers' Hall. Mr Alderman and Sheriff Paul Newall, Mr Peter Grant and Mr K.M. Parker also spoke.

Service dinner RABXAF

Monro, MP, presided at a dinner given by the Royal Auxiliary Air Force last night at RAF Bentley Priory in honour Barraclough to mark his retire ment as Honorary Inspector General. The guests included: Air Chief Marshai Sir Peter Harding, Air Marshai Sir Michael Graydon, Air Marshai Sir John Kemball, Air Vice-Marshai R A F Wilson, Air Vice-Marshai D Emmerson and Air Vice-Marshai W J Wratten.

Lord Swaythling

A memorial service for the late Lord Swaythling, who died on Friday, January 5, 1990, will be held at the New West End Synagogue. St Petersburgh Place, London W2, on Sunday, January 28 at 3 00 pm January 28, at 3.00 pm.

Forthcoming marriages Mr R.R. Harris and Miss D.J. Mogg

Mr R.A.P. Wild and Miss K.M. Holborow The engagement is announced between Robert Anstey Preston. son of Mr and Mrs Anstey Wild, of The White Cottage, Brailsford, Derbyshire, and Katharine Mary, daughter of Mr Geoffrey and Lady Mary Holborow, of Ladock House, Ladock, Truro, Cornwall.

Mr D. Ramsey and the Hen Alice Ramsay The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Ramsey, St Mr and Mrs Ronaid Ramsey, St. James, Barbados, and the Hon Alice Ramsay of Mar, second daughter of Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar and the Lady Saltoun, Cairnbulg Castle, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.

Mr S.R. Foster and Miss P.L. Back
The engagement is announced of Simon Ridgby, elder son of Lady Foster and the late Sir Ridgby Foster, of Symnells, Kent, and Philippa Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Q. Back, of Sisland, Norfolk,

Mr C.S. Alliason
and Miss L.J. Earlam
The engagement is announced
between Clive Stuart, of Ingleby, Arneliffe, North Yorkshire, and Lucy Jane, daughter of the late Mr Peter Earlam and of Mrs Mandi Earlam, of London,

Corporal K.S. Anderson, Royal Corporal K.S. Anderson, Royal Hussars (PWO) and Miss J.S. Barues
The engagement is announced between Kevin Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Anderson, of Retford, Nottinghamshire, and Jayne Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Barnes, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

usd Miss L.M. Royle The engagement is announced between Andreas, son of the late Mr Nicholas Antoniou and of Mrs Nicholas Antoniou, of Chelsea, London, and Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr Peter Royle, of South Chailey, East Sussex, and Mrs David Gibbs, of Plummers Plain, West

Mr C.N. Garland and Miss D.C. Couway The engagement is announced between Charles Nicholas. youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Michael Garland, of Putney, London, and Dawn Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Joseph Conway, of Northleigh, Devon.

Sir Charles Smith-Ryland

A service of thanksgiving for Sir Charles Smith-Ryland, KCVO, KStJ, JP, will be held in Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday, January 31, at noon. Those wishing to attend should please contact the Clerk of the Lieuten warwick, CV34 4RR; telephone; (0926) 412326. The 9.40 train from Euston to Coventry

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Field Marshal Lord Bramall to be President of the London Playing Fields Society from

Mr Stnart Errington and Mr Ian McCutcheon to be non-exec-utive members of the North Eastern Electricity Board.

Mr Richard Wilding, Mr John Billington and Mr John Entwistle to be trustees of the National Museums and Gal-leries on Merseyside.

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The engagement is announced between Rodney Rhys, only son

and Dr A.N. Streat
Mr and Mrs A. Streat, of
Exmouth, have the pleasure of
announcing the engagement of
their eldest daughter. Ann, to Dr William R. Harvey, son of Dr and Mrs D. Harvey, of Padstow,

Cornwall. Mr P.B. Hayer and Miss J.H.L. Talbot
The engagement is announced
between Peter, of Woodley,
Reading, son of Mrs E. Hayes, of Worcester, and the late Rev-erend R. Hayes and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs . Talbot, of Tenbury Wells,

Mr R.J. Hu Mr R.J. Hudson
and Miss J.H. Clark
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of Mr and
the late Mrs J.A. Hudson, of
Sydney, Australia, and Jill,
daughter of Mr and Mrs B.C.
Clark, of Upper Wootton,
Hampshire.

and Miss C. Obhard The engagement is announced between Trevor, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Jenkins, of Edinburgh, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Lt Colonel Guy Obbard, of Petersfield, and Mrs Thomas Whitaker, of Jude Farmhouse, Kingsley, Bordon, Hampshire.

Mr J.R. McTavish and Miss S.M. Mills The engagement is announced between Jamie, only son of Professor R.A. McTavish and Mrs B.G. Rusby, and steps on of Mr P. Rusby, of Goring on Thames, Berkshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr J.A.D. Mills and Mrs B.J.L. Mills, QC, of Control NVIII. of London, NW1.

Mr A.D. McWilliam and Miss F.J. Beggs The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin McWilliam, of High Green, Godalming and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Mich-Beggs, of Stoneydown, Mr D.J. Mills

and Miss J.E. Lazares The engagement is announced between David John, eldest son of Mr T.J. Mills, of Shropshire, and Mrs G.P. Mills, of Wolver-hampton, and Janet Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N.A. Lazarus, of London.

Mr S.P. Moverley Smith and Miss C.W. Topping The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Smith, of Caversham, Berkshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bertrand Topping, of

Stelling Minnis, Kent. Mr H.E.J. Montgomes and Miss A.M. White

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Montgomery, of Benvarden, Dervock, Co Antrim, and Annabel, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs Jeremy White, of Leckhampstead House, near Buckingham.

Mr W.C.J. Mundy and Miss C.A. Liddell The engagement is announced between William Campbell John, only son of Mr W.C. Mundy, of Lincoln, and Mrs J.E. Mundy, of Navenby, Lincs, and Christine Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.T. Liddell, of

Mr A.S. Parker-Jervis and Miss V.L. Hutchis The engagement is announced between Andrew Swynfen, only son of Mr and Mrs James Parker-Jervis, of Templewood, Parket-Jervis, of Tempaewood, Brechin, Angus, and Victoria, youngest daughter of the late Mr Rowan B. Hutchison and of Mrs D. Allen, of Rendham Court,

Mr C.D. Partridge and Miss S.C. Langton The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mrs N. Partridge and the late Mr E.J. Partridge, of Kersey, Suffolk, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.S. Langton, of

and Miss M.M. Ramsay
The engagement is announced
between John, youngest son of
L1 Col and Mrs C.A.R.L. St John, of Glebe Manor, Havant, Hants, and Melanie, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Neil Ramsay, of St Anns, Alyth, Perthshire.

Mr A.C.J. Stormouth-Durling and Miss R.V. Cordle The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr Robin Stormonth-Darling, of Balvarran, Perthshire, and Mrs Colin Ingleby-McKenzie, of London, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr John Cordie, of The Close Salisbury, and Mrs. The Close, Salisbury, and Mrs Harry Ross Skinner, of

The engagement is announced between Iain, younger son of Mr

and Mrs Colin Shaw, of Woodstock, Oxon, and Victoria, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Herbert James, of Hook Heath, Woking,

Mr N.P. Tompsett and Miss N.L. Breman The engagement is announced between Neil Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Tompsett, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Nicola Louise, youngest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Tony Brennan, of Hoghton,

Mr J.W.H. Trafford and Miss S.C. Brady The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr J.M.H. Trafford, of Hong Kong, and Mrs P.E.A. Lyon-Brown, of Harpole, Northants, and Sallyanne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J.S. Brady, of

Mr S.H. Vanghan-Johnson and Miss F.M. Wrangham The engagement is announce between Simon Humphrey eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Vaughan-Johnson, of Hamilton, Bermuda, and Fiona Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wrangham, of London.

and Miss S.R. Palmer The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr and Mrs N.F. Webb, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Sharon, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Palmer, of South Ockendon,

Mr K.S. Williams and Miss L. Cohen The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr and Mrs Howard Williams, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Lisa, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Cohen, of Maidenhead,

Capt M.A.R. Wolsey, RM and Miss F.J. Staniland The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr R. Wolsey of Wymondham, Norfolk, and Mrs M. Wolsey, of Mundford, Norfolk, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G.

aniland, of Doncaster, South Marriage Mr N.C. Arbothnott The marriage took place quietly in London, on Thursday, December 21, between Nicholas Arbuthnott and Tracey Brett.

SCIENCE REPORT

Predestined to fall for the velvet voiced frog prince

Just what attracts a female frog to her "prince" may sound of Nature (vol 343, pp 66-67) species, Physalaemus like a trivial problem, but the challenges these explanations, coloradorum, are tuned to issue is at the centre of a arguing that in one species at respond best to almost exactly that has raged for over a

Charles Darwin saw that many male courtship signals were a drawback in the day-today struggle for survival: a croaking male frog, for example, may attract predators as well as a mate. But Darwin also realized that the reproductive benefits of courtship displays could outweigh any costs, were the female preference for extravagant male displays sufficiently

This theory of sexual selec-tion by female choice is now well-established; the source of the controversy is exactly how female choice and the male courtship display evolve. Fe-males may choose displaying males because they tend to father more and fitter young. But there need not be a real advantage in mating with a displaying male: because offspring may inherit both their mother's choosiness (in fe-males) and their father's style of display (in males), the two traits can evolve together, by a

runaway" process.

Both of these explanations suppose that either female choice and male display evolve hand-in-hand, or that the display appears first.

evolved to exploit a pre-existing female preference for certain types of call. This species is the tungara

frog austulasus), the males of which have a distinctive call: a register sounds in both species drawn-out whine followed by up to six "chucks". Females are attracted to "chucking" males, and the deeper a male's voice, the more attractive he is. Walter Wilczynski, of the University of Texas, and colleagues measured the response of nerves in the ears of female frogs to notes of different frequency. Each frog "chuck" is a complex mixture of

harmonics rather than a single pure tone, and with the belo of some clever computer modelling, the researchers found that the females' ears were tuned to respond best to a frequency that was lower than the average dominant (loudest) frequency in the "chucks" of a sample of 54 male traggera frogs from Barro Colorada Island, Panama, These results explain how

larger males, who produce the deepest chucks, attract most females in the wild. In itself, this does not overtarn conventional thinking on sexual selection. The key finding was that the ears of females from a @ Nature-Times News Service, 1990

A report the January 4 issue different yet closely related females' ears. But P. coloradorum males have never evolved the chucking call. es is the tungara One idea to explain this (Physalaemus state of affairs is that the

females' preference for lowwas inherited from a common ancestor, but only tengars males have exploited this preference to attract mates. If this is the case, then conventional explanations of sexual selection, where male display arises before, or together with, female preference, do not apply

to the tungara frog.
"If similar mechanis apply in many species, present views of sexual selection by female choice may have to be changed", says Malte Andersson, of the University of Gothenburg, commenting on the paper in the same issue of Nature[ro].

The researchers call the mechanism of sexual selection in tungara frogs "sexual selection by sensory exploitation" -an appropriately sinister title for a situation where females are literally pre-programmed to fall for a male's chat-up

Peter Aldhous

School announcements Bedford High School

The Spring Term begins today and ends on March 27. A Cello Concert by Stefan Popov will be held on Friday, January 19. The Wind Concert is on Tuesday, March 6, the Gymnastics Dis-play on March 15 and 16 and the Dance Competition on March 21. Junior entrance assessments are on January 20 (8 plus), January 24 (7 plus) and January 27 (9 plus and 10 plus); senior entrance and assisted places examinations are on February 3.

Charcher's College Lent Term began at Churcher's College on Tuesday, January 9. The Entrance Examinations are to be held on Saturday, Feb-ruary 10. The Old Churcherians ruary 10. The Old Churcherians'
Day will be Saturday, March 24,
with the Old Boys' v 1st XI
Hockey match at 2.30 pm.
Term will end on Friday, March
30, following the Founder's Day
service at which the Bishop of
Portsmouth will address the

Edgehill College, Devon Term began yesterday, January 9, at Edgehill College, The 11+ Entrance Examination will be held on Friday, February 2, and the Examination for 6th Form Scholarships on Friday, Feb-ruary 16. Old Edgehillians will be meeting for lunch at the Imperial Hotel, Exeter, on Saturday, March 3. Our Careers Convention will be held on Friday, March 9, Term ends on Wednesday, March 28.

Easter term begins at Harrow School today. T.J. Hughes (The Knoll) continues as head of school. The boys of The Park have moved into 35 Peterborough Road while the house is renovated. The competition for music scholarships will be beld on February 5; for academic, art and computing scholarships on March 5 and for full fee scholar-

ships for boys from local au-thority schools on March 16. Half-term exeat will extend from February 15-19.
Founder's day will be held on
March 3. The Bishop of Willesden will hold a confirmation on March 11 and the Industrial Conference will be held on March 13. The Choral Society, with the Wysomba Abber March 13. The Choral Society, with the Wycombe Abbey School choir, will perform Beethoven's Missa Solemnis on March 20 and the fiftieth anniversary of Churchill Songs will take place in the Albert Hall on November 22. Term ends on March 24

The Governors of Lawnside School, Malvern, are pleased to announce the appointment from January, 1991, of Miss Janet A. Harvey, GNSM, LRAM, PGCE, as Headmistress of Lawnside on the retirement of Miss Duscline Stewart after

School, Ascot.

The Spring Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School today, Russell Perkins is Head today. Russell Perkins is Head Boy, Martyn Wilson, Captain of Rugby Football and Russell Perkins, Captain of Sevens. Dylan Lloyd is Head Chorister. There will be a production of the musical Blast-Off in the School Hall on Thursday, March 22, Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24. Term ends on Tues-day, March 27. day, March 27.

St Danstan's College Lent Term began on January 9,

and ends on March 18, exeat being from February 17 to 22. C.J. Winchester continues as Head of School. The Dramatic Society's production of Twelfth Night will be performed on February 14, 15 and 16, and the Preparatory Department will perform Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on March 21, 22 and 23. The College will combine with Bromley High School (G.P.D.S.T.) to sing Elijah at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, March 16. The Inspecting Officer at the CCF Annual Inspec tion on March 5, will be Colonel P.F. Shervington, MBE, Deputy Colonel, City of London, RRF. The College Entrance Examina-

19 years. Miss Harvey is at present Senior Mistress and Director of Music at St George's tion will take place on Tuesday,

OBITUARIES

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR MICHAEL VILLIERS

Air strikes over Suez

Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Vil-liers, KCB, OBE, who was in June, 1940, for daring rerier Bulwark from which air strikes on shore and naval targets were launched during the Suez operation in 1956, died on New Year's Day, aged

Villiers was also the last Royal Naval officer to serve as Chief of Staff of the Royal New Zealand Navy, and was later Fourth Sea Lord.

He was born on June 22, 1907, at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, where his father, Rear-Admiral E. C. Villiers, was Captain, and was educated at Oundle School, joining the Royal Navy as a public school entrant in 1925. He specialized in signals and served in the West Indies and in destroyers in the Mediterranean before the War.

From May, 1939, to May, 1941, Villiers served as the Squadron Signal Officer and Flag Lieutenant to the Admiral commanding the battle command of the carrier Bulcruiser squadron in various flagships. He was in the the battleship Warspite during the took her on her first com- mary Grissell who survives

command of the aircraft car-source and devotion to duty in hectic days of the active part the Second Battle of Narvik. Later he was in the battlecruiser Hood, leaving her shortly before she put to sea for her final voyage which ended under the guns of

Bismarck. Villiers was appointed OBE for his part in the planning and execution of the invasion of Sicily while serving on the staff of Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay. During the closing months of the war he commanded the destroyer Ursa in the British Pacific Fleet.

After the War he commanded the sloop Snipe on the West Indies station and following promotion to Captain in 1949 served at the Admiralty as Assistant Director of Plans, and later as Captain of the Dockyard and Queen's Harbourmaster in

In 1955 Villiers assumed wark which had been completed the previous year. He Norwegian campaign and was mission in which she was him with their two daughters.

quickly involved in the Sucz Operation. During the few Seahawks flew hundreds of sorties, protecting the task force from attack, stilling marauding enemy surface craft and attacking links troop concentrations and gun batteries onshore.

Promoted to Rear-Admiral in 1958 Villiers then served as Chief of Staff of the Royal New Zealand Navy, the last Royal Naval officer to hold this appointment. From 1960 to 1963 he was a member of the Board of Admiralty as Fourth Sea Lord and Vice-Controller of the Navy.

On his retirement from the Royal Navy in 1964 Villiers became Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey, an appointment he held until 1969. He was made a CB in 1960 and created KCB in 1962.

He was a keen fishennan and was still catching salmon in the last few months of his

In 1936 he married Ruse-

ARTHUR KENNEDY A brooding presence in supporting film roles

Arthur Kennedy, the American actor who was nominated for five film Oscars and gave several outstanding performances in plays by Arthur Miller, died on January 5 in Branford, Connecticut, at the age of 75. He had been

suffering from cancer. Appearing in more than 70 films, Kennedy was usually a supporting player but one of unusual quality who was particularly effective in suggesting a violent or neu-rotic strain beneath a placid exterior. Some of his film parts came during the 1950s when he gave notable studies of treachery, evil and revenge in the Westerns Where the River Bends, The Man From Laramie and Rancho Notorious.

His first Oscar nomination was for the 1949 boxing drama, Champion. His other nominations were for Bright Victory, in which he played a blinded soldier adjusting to civilian life; Trial; Peyton Place and Some Came Running.

The highlight of his stage career was creating the character of Biff, the oldest son of the Olivier switched roles. central character Willy Loman, in the Broadway Kennedy in Worcester, months ago, just before his production of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman in 1949. The performance won him a Tony Award.

in another Miller play, All My Hollywood by James Cagney daughter.



Sons, as a man returning from the war who finds his father exposed as a profiteer. Later he took leading roles in Miller's The Crucible and The

In 1960 he appeared on Broadway with Laurence Olivier in the title role of Jean Anouilh's Becket after Anthony Quinn dropped out of during which he had bught a the part of Henry II and

Massachusetts, on February 17, 1914, and educated at the Carnegie Institute of Technology. On stage from 1934, he Two years earlier he starred was brought to the attention of They had a son and a

and made his film debut as Cagney's brother in City For Conquest. Under contract to Warner

Brothers he appeared with Humphrey Bogart in High Sierra, with Errol Flyan in They Died With Their Boots On and with Flynn and Ronald Reagan in Desperate Journey. In the late 1940s le gave vivid performances as the murder suspect in Boonerang and the father in The Window He supported Gertrude Lawrence in the 1950 ilm of Tennessee Williams' play, The Glass Menagerie.

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Kennedy's later films generally gave him less sope but his newspaper correspondent in David Lean's Lawrence of Arabia will be remembered for his description of Lawrence as "the most shameless exhibitionist since Barnin and Bailey".

Among other notabe films were Elmer Gantry, Burabbas and Cheyenne Auturn. He had recently started making films again after a 10-year gap battle against thyroid cancer and eye disease. His last film, He was born John Arthur Grandpa, was completed four leased in the spring.

His wife, Mary Chefrey, a former actress, died in 1975.

SIR HUGH ELLIOTT A 'green' before his time

Sir Hugh Elliott, Bt, OBE, an preservation of the Serengeti later was joint author of able colonial administrator in National Park and the Herons of the World. He also Tanganyika and a distinguished ornithologist and conservationist, has died, aged 76, after a long illness.

Born in India on March 10, 1913, he was educated at the Dragon School, Eastbourne College and University College, Oxford, and entered the Colonial Service in Tanganvika in 1937. For the three years 1950-52 he served as Administrator of Tristan da Cunha. While Permanent Secretary of the Tanganyika Min-

On his retirement in 1961,

he worked for 20 years for the Swiss-based International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, including a spell as Secretary General in 1962-66 and finally as the editor of the Union's technical publications. Always a keen birdwatcher and meticulous observer, he added greatly to istry of Natural Resources, he scientific knowledge of the played a key part in the birds of Tristan da Cunha and

Ngorongoro Crater, today two served for several years as an of Tanzania's principal tourist officer of the Bitish Ornithologists' Union, ending as President in 1975-75; was Chairman of the British Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation; and for ten years was a trustee of the British Museum (Natural History).

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, with whom he was able to celebrate his golden wedding only a few days before his death, and by their son, the ornithologist Di Clive Elliott, and two daughters.

PERCY BAKER Supreme on the bowling green

supreme on the bowling that his record was, at the greens of England in the days before Drake's gentle game able. He won the English was launched into an era of sponsorship and high-profile television coverage, died on January 3, aged 94. His first appearance for

England was in 1933, his last in 1959: he was, therefore, one of the sportsmen whose international careers straddled the Second World War. He captained England in 1950, and would probably have gone on to gain more caps if he had not taken umbrage after being dropped in 1960.

Born in Weston-super-Mare on July 19, 1895, Edwin Percy Baker, a tall, elegant amateur, collected so many national

der of the estate mostly relatives...

Mr Harry Redland, of Lodd-ington, Northamptonshire, left

estate valued at £1,316,328 net.

Barbara Halton, of Uppermill, Greater Manchester, left estate valued £1,055,323 net.

singles four times — in 1932, 1946, 1952 and 1955 — the pairs in 1950 and 1962; and triples in 1960. A professional photographer, he lived most of his life in Dorset, where he took

up bowls in Poole Park in 1921. He remained a faithful playing member of that famous club, and played for Dorset from 1927 until 1969. Encroaching blindness forced him to give up the game about 15 years ago.

At the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff in 1958 he beat the outstanding Australian, Głyn Bosisto, but had to

Percy Baker, who reigned titles between 1932 and 1962 settle for the silver nedal behind South Africa's Finkie Danilowitz. Remarkably, he reached the final of the English singles in 1965, agel 70, but his last major victor, was in the Bournemouth tournament in 1971.

> David Bryant, by coincidence another Somerset man, has since broken Bater's record, outstripping him with 16 national outdoor titles but never fails to pay tribute to the influence Baker had or his bowling career. "When I broke his record, Percy was the first to congratulate me," says Bryant. "It was one of the most memorable moments of

He leaves a wife and son.

Latest wills

Mr Harry Corbett, of Child Okeford, Dorset, creator of the Sooty and Sweep puppets, left estate valued at £79,910 net. Mrs Kathleen Ann Davies, of Canford Cliffs, Dorset, left es-tate valued at £1,382,108 net. Mr Rudy Michael Young of Hartington, Middlesex, left es-tate valued at £979,193 net. Mr Aubrey Edwin Orchard-Lisle, of Mayfair, left estate valued at £5,628,927 net. He left Other estates include (net, before tax paid): £100,000 to the United Medical School of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals for research into osleo-arthritis and the remain-

Mr Bernard Percik, of Colaton Raleigh, Devon........ £848,620. Mr Frederick John Walker, of Broadstairs, Kent £500,263. Mr Stuart Wilson, of London SW10______£850,163, Mrs Rose Nelkin, of London £333,098. Mr Paul Humphrey Springs, of Cheadle Hulme, Greater Han-chester £31,631. Mrs Diane Rumsey Siete Rotherfield. . East . £457238. Mr Eric Benjamin Braniell, of Coventry, West Kid-Mrs Mary Forster, of Gosforth, Tyne and Wear 1577994. Mrs Margaret Isabella Kiery, of London W8£399007. Mr Maurice James Kath of Bishop Auckland, Co Durham £652871. Mr John Robert Robert Dolgellau, Gwynedd . £704548.

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JAMES - On December 31st 1959, at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, io Susan and Anthony, a daughter, Georgina Susan, a sister to Andrew and Christine.

KENGEL - On December 27th 1989, to Diana (née Spiller) and Simon, a son, James Jonathan.

KING - On January 8th 1990, to Saity and James, at the Medida Hospital in Hong Kong, a son.

MARSEL - On December 26th.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall com-

RIRTHS

Kong, a son.

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to Elizabeth (née Skone) and
Robert, a son. Rhys Edward
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a daughter. Natholie Pauline <u>Elizabeth.</u> T**HOMSON-GLOVER -** Om January 5th, to Veronica and James, a daughter, Rosie Cutherine, a sister for WERE - On December 30th, to Jennifer (nee Binder) and John, a son. James George.

WHITE - On January 5th 1990, to Diana and Barry, a

MARRIAGES CASSER-WATSON The marriage took place on December 27th 1989, in San Mateo County, California, between Dr. Robert Gasser and Mrs Dorothy Walson.

ANNIVERSARIES

DEATHS BARC - On January 6th 1990, suddenly but peacefully, John Richard Bak: aged 45 years. Of Crewkerne, Somerset Beloved husband, father and son and admired by those who knew him. Funeral and Thanksgiving Gervice at the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew. Service at the Parish Church of Si Bartholomew.

Crewkerne, on Saturday January 13th at 12 noon. Family flowers only donations in its memory to A.R.M.S. or The Jubities Satting Trust (S.T.S. Lord Nelson), C/a A.J. Waitely & Sons, Chapel House. Hermitage Street, tel: (0450) 74547.

RARMER. - Op January 8th

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BARKER: - On January 8th 1990, in the Roseland, Cornwall, peacefully after a long illness. Thomas Devereux Barker, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral enquiries to Terence Treguna, Funeral Director. Truro 73568.

BELL - On January 7th 1990, peacefully. Joan peacefully. Joan Charlesworth, of the Winton Nursing Home, Nether Wallop, late of Puttenham. Surrey, Funeral private. Surrey, Funeral private.

BROADSENT - On January
Sin 1990, Harry M.A.
CANTAB, peacefully at
home Carr Hill Lane.
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ON THIS DAY

The development of the University of

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California at Berkeley owes much to the munificence of Mrs Phoebe Hearst, the philanthropist, widow of George Hearst (1820-1891), the multi-millionaire mining prospector, and mother of William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper tycoon.

AN IMPORTANT ARCHITECTURAL UNDERTAKING

To the Editor of The Times Sir, Some particulars which have recently reached me concerning an architectural enterprise devised by the University of California, at Berkeley, in that State, of what the preliminary prospectus, issued by the board of trustees, terms "a city of learning.

The grounds of the University cover an area of 245 acres. The elevation above the sea-level at the lowest point is about 200 ft, while the greatest elevation is over 900 ft. Behind this lies a chain of hills rising another 1,000 ft. The land has an outlook over the bay and city of San Francisco, as well as over the neighbouring plains and mountains and the ocean.

The trustees announce that it is their intention to treat the ground and buildings together, landscape gardening and architecture forming one composition, which, it is hoped, will never need to be structurally changed in order to accommodate the future needs of the University. Upon this site it is proposed to erect at least 28 buildings, all mutually related, and at the same time cut off as a whole from anything which might mar the effect of the picture, the assumption being that these will meet the needs of the University in the future, although it is suggested that the developments of science may impose new duties upon the Birmingham, Jan 6.

institution which will render necessary some alteration of this

All the buildings thus far erected are to be ignored, and the grounds are to be treated as a blank space to be filled in according to the taste and the demands of the successful architect or architects.

It is, of course, evident that, in

order to carry out such a scheme as this a large amount of money must be forthcoming. So the announcement is made by the trustees that \$5,000,000 (£1,000,000) have already been pledged, and that all the necessary funds will be forthcoming as fast as the work can be carried on. But there are to be no definite limitations of cost, material, and style, so far as the plans are concerned. All this is to be left to the unfettered discretion of the designer, who is asked to record his conception of an ideal home for a University, assuming time and resources to be unlimited.

In order to provide the plans for this comprehensive scheme Mrs Phoebe Hearst, widow of the late United States Senator, George Hearst, has, it is announced, advanced the necessary funds. As the University is under the control of the State of California Mrs Hearst has nominated a board of trustees consisting of the governor, James H. Budd, representing the State: one of the Regents of the University, J. B. Reinstein, who will act for the body of which he is a member, and Professor William Carey Jones, who will represent the University itself. The prospectus is

signed by all these. It is proposed that the plans shall be chosen by a competition open to all the architects of the world, with an international jury of five men, who will have full charge of it and will award the prizes.

I am, Sir, very truly yours, GEORGE F. PARKER Consulate of the United States,

METHERINGTON ON JANUARY 8th 1990. the Rev. Prebendary Richard Nevin Hetherington. Of Capet Court. Cheltenham, for 25 years Vicar of St Barnabas, Ealing, a Canon Emeritus of St Paul's Cathedral, Vice-President and a co-Founder of The Prayer Book Society. Funeral at St Barnabas, Church. Pitshanger Lane, W5, on Wednesday January 17th at 12 noon, followed by the wife Nan, son Philip and January 17th at 12 noon, followed by the Wife Nan, son Philip and all his family, Crematorium. Hoop Lane, NW11. on Friday January 17th at 12 noon, followed by the Wife Nan, son Philip and all his family, crematorium. Hoop Lane, NW11. on Friday January 17th at 12 noon, followed by the Wife Nan, son Philip and all his family, crematorium. Hoop Lane, NW11. on Friday January 17th at 12 noon, followed by crematorium at 1.30 pm. If desired flowers to W.S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond Street, W5, by 10 am or donations to The Prayer Book Society, St James, Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, ECAV 2AL.

IONES - On January 6th, peacefully, Trevor. Darling husband of Monica, faiher of Hugh and grandfather of Oliver. Funeral on January 25th 1990 at 11 am, followed by interrent at the cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if 50 desired to St George's Roman Catholic Church and The League of Friends of the

CARROLL - On January 7th. suddenty. Joanna Valerie Maud. aped 34, youngest daughter of Michael and Stella, sister of Lisa, Erin. Matthew and Padraig. Grateriu thanks to Shirley Ambutance Crew and Mayday and Alkinson Morley's Hospitalis. Funeral at 1.30 pm on Monday January 18th at St Mery Magdalene. Addiscomble. Family flowers only, but donations in hur memory to be divided between ASBAH and Thomas Coram Foundation. may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street. Croydon. or left in Church at her service. CODY - On January 6th. Suddenty, Stephen James, a kind and gentle man. Decoly mourned by his wife Maria, his son Sebastian, his family and all who knew him. Funeral 2 pm Monday January 15th at St Alban's Church. North End Road, London NW11.

Parish Church, No flowers donations to Hospice a Home, Tumbridge Wells. Home. Tunninge Wells.
LEVENTIS - On Tuesday January 9th, in Nicosia, Cyprus, i
Christos P. Leventis, beloved
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LIBOSE - On January 4th

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LUBOFF - On January 4th, peacefully in Orpington Hospital, Evelyn (Miss G.E. Gales O.B.E.), aged 93 years, to be greatly missed my her son Andrel. Jean and all who knew her. A very special lady and much toved grandma and great-grandma. Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday January 19th at 2 pm. Flowers to Chappells, Boundary Place, Sevenoals Road. Orpington, telephone:

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COLE - On January 8th, John
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COULSON - On January 6th
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irene, adored father of lan,
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beloved brother of Pam and
Audrey. He will be
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admiration and affection by Accrey. He will be remembered with admiration and affection by all his family and friends. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Bridget's Parish Church, West Kirby, Wirral. on Friday January 19th at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired for the Multiple Scienosis Society. Wirral Branch. may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer. 38 Oaklands Drive. Uplon. Wirral.

MACQUEEN - On January 6th 1990, peacetally. Anne, mother of Hillary and grandmother of Daniel and James. Funeral Service at Lowisham Crematorium on Monday January 15th al 3 pm. All flowers to be sent to Francis Chappell & Sons, 229-251 High Street, Brornley.

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peacefully in hospital in
Cambridge, Evelyn, aged 82
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Richard Genochto. Funeral
Service at St John's Church.
Hills Road, Cambridge, on
Tuesday January 16th af 11
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at Cambridge City Cemetery.
Floral tributes may be sent to
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Service, Harshel Court.
Cambridge, OLUCINIAN - On January 1st
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1990, Mary, pencefully in hospital, aged 72 years, widow of Max Gluckman, A

widow of Max Gluckman. A much loved wife. mother, grandmother and friend. Cremation at 1.30 pm. January 19th at Aspectoti Crematorium, Salford. No flowers, but donalitons if desired to Christie Hospital. Withington. Manchester. Enquiries to Rye and Leman. 11 Golden Square, London W1.

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GREEN-WILKINSON - On January 6th. Prudence Anne (sister of John), peacefully at Freeland Nursing Home, near Witney, after a long illiness borne with great courage and cheerfulness. Funeral at St Mary's, North Leigh, near Witney, on Monday January 15th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if you wish to Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Green & Company, 21 High Street, Eyrsham, leit

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GRUBE - On January 8th
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David and adored
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am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life".
John 8 verse 12. Funeral
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desired to Barnardos.

#OPGOOD - On January 8th

MASON - On January 8th, in Bath, Alan, beloved husband of Marion and father of Simon and Bath, after a courageous fight against cancer. Funeral Service at St Mary's. Charkombe. Bath, on Monday January 15th at 11.45 am, Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MATTHEWS - On January 6th, Maud Rose (nèe Sharpe of India) went to be with the Lord after a very short liness, aged 90. al home. Beloved mother of John. Joan and Marjorie. Funeral January 12th at 10 am at Wandsworth Cemetery. Magdalen Road. SW18. Home let: 01-228 8739. Home lei: 01-228 8739.

McDOWALL - On January 6th 1990, Dr. James, of 4 West Bank Close, Derby. Dearly loved husband of Cynthia and lather of Kata and lan. Funeral at Sl Alicmund's Church, Kedleston Road, Derby. on Thursday January 18th at 2 pm. Family flowers onty. Donations in lieu to The League of Friends at St Oswaid's Hospital, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Ashbourne, Derbyshire. MITTON - On January 1st 1990, Cdr. RN Joseph Harry Mitton, Royal Navy, retd. Mourned by devoted and desotate fiancée Patricia Turner and loving family. Service of Thanksgiving and Cremation at Bushbury on January 16th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Jennings and Sons, Welverhampton. BITTON

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January 13th at Golders
Green Crematorium. West
Chapel at 11 am. No flowers.
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WILKESON-KAY - On

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WILKINSON-KAY
On January 9th 1990, Muriel.

aged 90, mercifully released at Salisbury Infirmary.

widow of the tate A.J.C.

Slancomb. of The Woodlands, Trowbridge and also widow of the late Harry Wilkinson-Kay.

Beloved mother of John and Mary.

Private funeral at Trowbridge. Family Howers only.

WOOD - On January 7th 1990.

Geoffrey Findell, Group Capitain (Retired) OBE: DFC: Aircrew Europe Starr.

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American Legion of Merit: Defence Medal: Victory Medal: Danish Victory Medal: Dutch-Commander of Medal: Dutch-Commander of the Order of Orange Nascau: Palestine Campaign Medal: Queen Elizabeth Coronation Medal: Czechosłovak Air Force Pilots Badge. Of Little Dodnash Farm. Bentley. Ipswich. Suffolk Much loved husband of Elizabeth. father of Ruth Richmond, father-in-law of Billy. grandpa of Georgia. Funeral at Ipswich Crematorium. Colchester Road, Ipswich, on Tuesday January 16th at 2 pm. No Ilowers. Donations if desired. Nowers. Donations if desired to St Elizabeth's Hospice.

Church news

The Rev Christopher Davies, Curale, All Saints, Tooting, diocese South-wark: to be Vicar, St James, Maiden, same diocese.

The Raw Christopher C. Elis. Carate-in-charge, Kerby with Wilberfose and Examenical Officer, discuss Voric. to be full time Examenical Officer, and continue as part-time lecturer in Examenical Theology, Hull Univer-sity, same Glocese.

The Rev Perram R Gay, Assistant Curate in the Bodinian team, diocese Truro: to be Domentic Caspitaln to the Bishop of Truro, same diocese.

The Rev Roy Hubbard. Vicar, Filtwick. Glocese St Albans: to be Rector, Sharobrook and Knotting with Souldrop, same diocese.

The Rev Canon Malcolm Scott, Vicar Sunnyaide with Bourne End, dioces St Albans: to be Vicar, Capham, same

The Rev Alexandra Stockley: to be Parish Deacus. Grayrisp and Old and New Histon, diocese Cartisle.

The Rev Charles W.D. Vogt, Curate, St John and St Anne, Derby, diocese Derby; to be Team Vicar in the Staveley learn, same diocese.

The Rev Canon Harold D. Jones. Rector. Eltarnbrook and Knotting with Souldrop. discrese St Albans: to retire on January 31.

Retirement

Appointments

WR PERFORCE - On Monday
January 8th 1990, at
Margaret Citherow House.
SI Marychurch, Torquay,
Everida, Requiem Mass at 5t
Marychurch Catholic
Church on Thursday
January 18th at 10 am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES ADAMSON - A Memorial Service for the late George Adamson will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday January 31st 1990 at 51 January Church Piccadilly, London

WILEY - Bishop Cyril.
Carlisle Cathedral, Sunday
January 21st at 3 pm and
Hagbourne Church, Tuesday
February 6th, 11.30 am. Shropshire. Funeral Service at St George's Roman Church, Whitchurch. on Monday January 15th 1990 at 11 am, followed by interment at the cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired to St George's Roman Cathotic Church and The League of Friends of the Whitchurch Hospital. Enquiries to Howell Bros. Funeral ites to Howell Bros. Funeral GRENIFELL - Vetal A Servic of Thanksgiving for her life will be held in The Chapel ries to Howell Bros. Funeral Directors. Whitchurch, lelephone: (0948) 2338.

et it am on Friday Januar, 26th.

Bean - On Jenuary 7th, at a nursing home in Hastings.
John Ciution Mead, aged 78.

Memorial Service at St Peter's Church. St Leonardson-Sea on Tuesday January 16th at 3 pm.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

O'DWYER - On January 6th

RAYNER - On January 6th 1990, peacefully at home with his family after bearing

with his family after bearing his illness with dignity. courage and humour. John Machan, aged 61 years. Beloved husband of Juliet and much loved father of Jonathan. Louise and the late Simeon. Private family funeral. Service of Thankspiving to be held on Friday January 19th at 2 pm at Liverpool Parish Church. Pier Head, Liverpool. No flowers please, but donablons if desired to the Macmillan Cancer Trust, c/o F. Lowley & Son Limited, 13 Low Skelgate. Rigon HG4 18E.

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PRICCHMI - On December 29th.

Clara, formerly of Viale
Belflore, Florence, peacefully
in Rome, (Any contact please
to Brian Curnew, 0272654462). ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS igrying of Dartford, Lady living wishes to thank the many people who attended the funeral of her late husband and those who sent letters of condolence and donations. Details of a Memorial Service will follow shortly. 654-62).

PRIESTLEY - On January 8th. peacefully at The Pines Nursing Home. Putney SW16. In her 87th year. Iteme Mavis Priestley. widow of W.M. (Bill) Priestley. Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland. Cremation at Putney Vale on Tuesday January 16th 1990 at 11.30 am. All enquiries to T.H. Samders, 0.1789 6855.

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Killing inaction

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Recruited from the dole qu and no-hope zones of Britain, the young squaddie could expect the Army to give some discipline, purpose and future to his life: at most a career, at least a sense of

physical achievement. Instead, the same bottom-ofthe-barrel contempt is meted out to the green recruit inside and outside the army, with the difference that inside this contempt is accompa-nied by physical violence that in ses brutalizes and in some cases kills

How many stories have we read of jilted squaddies knifing their girlfriends? These are men knocked off-balance by perpetual abase. How many stories do we need to read of death from heat stroke on full-kit rans, before the MoD decides the rules need

changing?
The subtext to Taking Liberties:
Dressed to Kill (BBC 2) was a
public and official indifference to the squaddies' fate. From social delinquent to cannon-fodder, the squaddie goes from useless to used without winning any public affection. He is always disposable.

Now the public has begun to wake up as the families of soldiers who died after collapsing into coma (denied adequate medical attention and in several cases beaten as they lay dying) have protested. But the cover-up within the army is air-tight. Inquiry findings are not published. NCO brutality often seems to go

Steve Hewlett's film disturbing, but marred by a melodramatic soundtrack and absurdly inappropriate slow-motion footage of a soldier running across cliffs. Used as a series of links, this footage resembled an army commercial, glorifying the very exercises the medical experts had

Nothing, however, could dull the contempt and acerbic precision of that expert derision. What became clear from interviews with an Army doctor was that eight-mile runs in full kit are not only dangerous, but irrelevant to the military training of a modern

National Theatre boss Richard Eyre talks to Sheridan Morley about theatre on the South Bank and nationwide

Not making a crisis out of it

joint management of the National Theatre with David Aukin, the director Richard Eyre moves into the new decade with a kind of wary confidence
"I have terrible twinges of

shame and guilt," he says, "when I think how hard I was in my heart about Peter Hall before I understood what this job required. When he once said that his main achievement here had just been to keep the place open, I really didn't believe him, but a year on that seems to make perfect sense. Sometimes it's the very most you can hope to achieve. But, as David Mamet has it, things change: a year ago, even less, we'd have said that East Europe was unchangeable, Mrs Thatcher was unchallengeable, the Arts Council was unyielding.

"Now none of that is true any more. We are being given better erants, the box-office is way up on this time last year, indeed we are holding the biggest cash advance we've ever known, something like a million pounds for the next three months and that after a bad summer. We've suddenly come into a golden time, due at least in part to our announcement of the Sondheim musical Sunday in the Park, though even that seemed like a terrible risk when we started

to plan it."

Does Eyre accept the notion that the National and the RSC operate on a kind of subsidized seesaw? "Not entirely: they may have had a rough time at the Barbican this summer but Plantagenets was a triumph, and a lot will depend on who they appoint as Terry Hands's SUCCESSOT.

"I'm not congenitally very envious, though of course there's a shard of ice in my soul when some colleague has a hit and I'm having a flop; but I look forward to the RSC rivalry, even if we do end up chasing the same few actors and directors who are still willing to work for our kind of money."

After a brief honeymoon period, Eyre admits that his first months in office have had their fair share of disaster as well as triumph in this past year.

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Richard Eyre: "People seem now to long for a spiritual dimension . . . for poetry . . . for so

"Juno [and the Paycock] was clearly a huge disappointment, though it was done in good faith, and for me personally it has been a terribly unhappy year with Ham-let." Mental exhaustion beset Daniel Day-Lewis and then illness struck the late Ian Charleson who replaced him. "A production which, in rehearsal, seemed to generate unstoppable energy came to a very sad end, and I felt that somehow I was to blame, because have always unconsciously looked for Hamlets who were very close to the edge. The play exists on a borderline of danger, and perhaps I should have been more alert to that."

Looking back on a decade Eyre spent very largely in television (Tumbledown) and the cinema Ploughman's Lunch), he remains faintly surprised that it has brought him back to a permanent theatre job.

"By the end of the Seventies I thought we had gone as far as we could with public theatre; I sensed the 1980s were going to be a much tougher time for the arts, and so when I was offered the 'peace with honour of a BBC job I was very glad. But then to my amazement I kept missing the theatre, and even the involvement of being a manager. I missed the family feeling you get with a theatre company

but never with a film or television

crew, however close you may get

to them for a short time. "In terms of new playwriting, this has been a fairly terrible decade. We are still relying on the same people who were writing at the end of the last decade, and maybe even the one before that. Apart from Doug Lucie and Nick Dear it's very hard to name a major playwright of the Eighties, and the problem is not just underfunding. Money may allow more people a chance, and it's appalling that the Royal Court had

to close its studio stage, but you can't legislate for talent and at the moment adversarial ideas or moral debates are just not being encouraged. 'Rocking the Boat' would not be a theme song for the So what about the return to a kind of actor-power symbolized

by the success of Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance company? "I'm not at all sure that's a bad thing: if you sit down with any group of actors and listen to them talking about directors, it is like hearing the camp guards at Buchenwald being discussed. What's good about Branagh is that he put his career where his mouth was. Most actors complain without doing anything about it Branagh, like Jacobi and McKellen, is willing to jump into the bear-pit, rather than sheltering

television cameras. Most actors are now sucked into rich cinema lives, and they just don't want to do live theatre badly enough to risk the reviews without even the compensation of good money.'

ooking ahead to the 1990s, Eyre finds it hard to think beyond the new David Hare play which he is currently rehearsing for a February I premiere at the Cottesloe. "It's called Racing Demon, and it's the story of four clergymen in South London struggling to make sense of their mission in the inner city. It's about the problems of trying to do good in an evil world, and it's about the debate going on at the moment within the Church of England, which is not all that unlike the one going on inside the Labour Party.
"But on another level, it's about

a lack of spirituality at the end of the most despiritualized and materialistic decade in recent history. People seem now to long for a spiritual dimension, which may explain the current rise in opera interest, and the hunger for Shakespeare, even in the West End. There's a longing for poetry which simply doesn't exist elsewhere, and as the landscape diminishes in every way, there's a yearning for something bigger.

Further into the future foresee endless battles about public funding, though morale is a lot better in the arts now the government has given us an increase, which in our case amounts to about 11 per cent over the next

"There's an increasing interest in the exploration of theatricality, and I think we will see more attempts to push theatre towards opera, more reliance on visual imagery, but I hope also that our theatre will become more expressive. I don't see us becoming heavily conceptualized in a German way, but I do see a lot more invention and exploitation of theatricality. The caveat is that writers still seem frightened of the wide open spaces of the Olivier: we are still awaiting the next

Was this the best of his oeuvre?

JAZZ Clive Davis

> John Dankworth Ronnie Scott's

Forty years ago, John Dankworth, CBE, was upsetting the British jazz establishment as leader of the Johnny Dankworth Seven. At a time when modernism was still struggling to gain a foothold in this country, the saxophonist helped spread the gospel at concerts where the musicians' share of the profits often amounted to shillings rather than pounds.
Veterans from that period will

be passing through Frith Street over the next fortnight as Dankworth stages a reunion of the Seven as well as his big band, which at one time or another included Kenny Clare, Peter King and a pianist by the name of Dudley Moore. Dankworth's alto saxophone has lost little of its edge over the years. The Seven's recordings, fired by intricate, sometimes over-elaborate arrangements, still sound fresh and inventive.

Whether the big band charts have worn as well must be open to question. Monday night's opening set was certainly a lacklustre occasion, though it was hard to decide exactly how much of the responsibility lay with the arrangements and how much with competent but uninspired easemble

playing.
With luck, the band will sound more compelling by the end of the residency. In the meantime it is worth watching for the contribution of Don Rendell, whose tenor solo added zest to a polite reading "Stompin' at The Savoy". Another founder-member of the Seven, Eddie Harvey, leads the trombone section and provides one of the newer numbers, "Sweet

Dankworth himself made an effective switch to soprano saxophone for Paul Hart's " 'Bye, 'Bye Manuel", a new piece dedicated to Panama's favourite son. The decision to re-work the Sixties suite "What The Dickens!" was, however, not such a good idea.

Stout-hearted family likenesses THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Boots for the Footless Tricycle

One would not be surprised to learn that Brian Behan's first play had been dictated to him - perhans via some Dublin-based spiritualist — by his famous brother from a bar in the backstreets of the Elysian Fields. The family resemblance is that great. True, we are not talking here of

the late Brendan's very best plays. Boots for the Footless stands in the same relation to them as stout to whisky. It pleasantly befuddles the head, cheers the heart, transmits a party feeling, somewhat as Brendan's Richard's Cork Leg did; but it has not the bite of his Quare Fellow or even of his Hostage.

Brian goes so far as to time-warp the action back to his brother's heyday, the Fifties, when it was relatively safe to guy the Irish as muddlers, make genial jokes about the republicans, and even suggest that a man waving a gun was less a menace than an unkempt buffoon.

He does all these things, at times becoming openly nostalgic in the process. Among the songs that intermittently interrupt the action, with their choruses of "diddleday, yiddleyiddlyday", is one lamenting the concreting-over of dear old Dublin and the passing of the "rare old times" you could enjoy there.

There is hardly more of a plot than in Richard's Cork Leg. Brian is always more interested in parading his characters' eccentric-ities than in shaping their collective story; and a pretty eccentric lot they are. There is Padser (Billy Boyle), first cousin to O'Casey's classically feckless Joxer, who spends the first half successfully avoiding work in a Dublin bed-room and the second doing the same on a London building site.

There is Bridie (Heather Tobias), the reason for his change of habitat. She spends much of the evening threatening to sue him for breach of promise and pursuing



Successful shirker: Bill Boyle plays Padser in Boots for the Footless

him with deadly weapons, all in hopes of securing his hand and his £5,000. The play cheerfully combines sentimentality and cynicism: another family trait.

Then there are Padser's two nephews, one a fervent communist and the other the rampaging patriot with a gun, both united against their foreman in London, an Irish royalist so keen to reconstruct the South Bank he has, he proudly says, "no wife but a concrete mixer". Again like his brother, Brian evidently finds something a bit absurd about every ideology, left or right — and, indeed, about anyone inclined to take life solemnly.

The play could of course, and doubtless will, be attacked for being confused, loose, dated and frivolous, for perpetuating national stereotypes, and so forth; but to do so would be excessively

puritan and pretty humourless. In these rancorous times maybe we could do with more of the Behan family philosophy, which is (roughly) to live and let live, preferably with a glass in the hand and a scurrilous toast on the lips. To call the play untidy is to miss the point, since human untidiness is what it is basically celebrating. In any case, Mike Bradwell's

cast put over some entertaining lines with a rumpled, offhand charm it is hard to dislike. "What did I do for the working class? Make boots for the footless," says Boyle's ineffably idle Padser, giv-ing the play its title. "All religion has given me is children and no sex when all I wanted was sex and no children," adds Walter Mc-Monagle, playing his more driven brother. Well, all right, the quips have not got Brendan's nip; but

The lady doth protest too much

Jean Cocteau's celebrated mono-drama is a woman at one end of a telephone enjoying, if that is the word, a last conversation with her lover. When first seen, Susannah York is outstretched on the parquet, in a posture resembling the skeleton in Snow White whose bowl of food ky just beyond its reach. Her bowl, her lifeline, is the telephone and while she has hold of it there is hope. At the start of the play her hand is resting over it; an hour later, when their conversation is finally over, she falls in the same position but the instrument is behind ber. Hope has gone.

The idea is ingenious but though an eminent former colleague is on record as describing it as "one of the most exciting and emotional plays ever written, it borrifies and exalts," only one of his terms seems to me to be on the mark:

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there is emotion all right, gallons of it; the tunnamed woman has lived with her lover for five apparently blissful years and does not want them to end. She pretends she is bearing up, reveals she has tried an overdose, never utters a word of reproach, caresses the instrument as though it were her lover's head and believes she has existed solely to be his beloved.

Or so Coctean suggests, and the play's glaring fault is to give barely an inkling of how they were together. She is nothing but a woman saying, in effect, "Goodbye, don't go." Limiting the

relationship to these closing notes, with neither a theme nor recapitalation beforehand save for her statement that the past was joyful, leaves one with the feeling that the man is better off without this dripping tap.
Perhaps it sounds better in

French. The actress in a recent Almodóvar film does it in Spanish and almost rips the wallpaper off her bedroom. Possibly this is the way to do it. Susannah York plays it for quiet tones and silent expressions of grief. There are passages where these do brush the heart; when her words are faint, husky and almost without breath, they hint at the anguish of a voice at the end of its tether, stretching out to the bowl of goodies sliding further from her grasp. At other times one feels, "Come off it, there

A torch for grandads competent, if scarcely original, deployment of effective coloristic

CONCERTS Richard Morrison

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Young performers are rightly expected to carry a torch for the music of their contemporaries. They might query whether it is also necessary for them to do missionary work on behalf of their grandfathers' contemporaries, especially those whom grandfather neglected first time round

Such were one's thoughts when a fine American planist, Thomas Kaurich, opened the week-long "Park Lane Group Young Artists and 20th Century Music" series with a real old curiosity shop of a programme. Kaurich's technique exudes power and a sense of daring; his preparation is clearly diligent and his perception ex-cellent. None of which could really belp to tura Tippett's First Piano Sonata towards presentability. It was written in 1936, when Tippett was floundering felkishly in search of his own voice, and among its eccentricities is an entombra of the Scottish tune "Ca' the

Yowes". Ernest Bloch's 1935 Piano Sonata is a more mature work, yet coming from a composer who was such a master of anguished quasi-Hebrew melancholy it is surpris-ingly acidic and brutal in its outer movements. Kaurich delivered it with a tremendous punch. Between these two dinosaurs

came Labyriath by Edwin Roxburgh, one of the PLG's featured composers this week. The title seems to refer to the crabby, constricted scurryings for overlapping hands, which recur through-out; but interleaved with this is a

The other featured composer, Anthony Powers, was represented later in the evening by a solo clarinet piece, Sea/Air, which was de in structure — alternati explosive, high-velocity scales and

devices; notably chords dampened until only their harmonics sound.

trills with extremely slow, barely audible notes - but rich in fantasy. It was the best played item presented by clarinettist Dov Goldberg, who had survived a shaky start in Lutoslawski's Dance Preludes, only to encounter Simon Parkin's Songs for Mar-

via — clarinet and piano pieces of breathtaking puerility, minimal in thought as well as style, and apparently inspired by the ever-depressed android in The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Harvey Davies, as accomplished pianist, was hardly stretched intellectually here. The evening's premiere was

given by the mezzo Adele Paxton who (with the pianist Caroline Dowdle) used her full-bodied timbre and platform gravitas to excellent effect in Ophelia, a setting of the German poet Georg Heym by the young Cambridge based composer, Andrew Levett-The piano part was mostly an ansurprising watery ripple, stab-bed occasionally by some more strident interjection (presumably to remind the listener that this stream contains something very dead), and the voice moved purposefully to a climax via uneasy, Henze-like contours. Yet the fey atmosphere was sustained well.

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Paxton has an admirable range and dramatic instinct; if she overcame her fear of breaking the vocal line to admit those boring, ngly things called couse future would be bright.

Experience is not the only thing that matters

Some readers will already have spotted, and remembered, the soprano Jane Webster in previous years' Park Lane Group recitals, with the Songmakers' Almanac, at Buxton, Wexford and Snape. She also happened to be the winner, in 1985, of the John Lill Award (then £350 plus recital). On Monday she shared a recital with two other recent prize-winners in an evening organized by the Ongar Music Club, which launched the award five years ago. Webster was the one winner

whom I would go out of my way to hear again. Her voice has bold mezzo undertones, tremendous energy, and she is intelligent enough a performer to let it speak. What is more, she always has something to say, whether in the sensuous artifice of Purcell's "Music for a while", the uncliched wit of her "Hat gesagt" (I eagerly await her Richard Strauss on stage) or in the plangency of Poulenc's contrasting laments for

France, "C" and "Fêtes galantes". Unlike Webster, the viola player, Helen Knief, has had little solo recital experience, and it Hilary Finch

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shows. Her Brahms E flat Squata and Kodaly Adagio displayed formidable arm strength and longsighted phrasing; and doubtless these qualities serve her well in her work with the BBC Concert Orchestra. But if she wants to pursue a solo career, more time will have to be spent on listening. to intonation, to tones of voice, to character and idiom.

Alison Baker, on the other hand, plays the piano with all the confidence and teeth-gritted determination worthy of one who has sat in the lone chair of Mastermind and battled her way through numerous national competitions. Her Beethoven ("Les Adieux") and Chopin Fantasie in F minor revealed little but technical competence and a certain hard panache: imagination and communication as yet play little part in Baker's musical world.

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Maiden's answer to a prayer

Tracy Edwards's dream of leading her all-woman crew to victory in the Round the World Race is half-way to coming true, Barry Pickthall writes

t 27, Tracy Edwards is not only one of the youngest skippers to have entered the Whitbread Round the World yacht race, but, at 5ft 2in, she is probably the shortest. She is certainly the first to sail with an allwomen crew - and the first woman to be leading her class. Her achievement in overcoming

sceptical male chauvinism to find £1 million in sponsorship and sail into Auckland ahead of four male crews in this toughest of events was rewarded yesterday with the highest accolade the sport can bestow - Yachtsman of the Year, a title bestowed by the Yachting Journalists Association. The presentation was held in Auckland, where Edwards's yacht, Maiden, is under-going a refit before the 23-strong Round the World fleet sets out for Cape Horn on February 4. Peter Blake of New Zealand, whose Steinlager 2 leads the race overall, read out the citation.

"She has campaigned tirelessly to find both a sponsor and a boat, faced and overcome repeated set-backs, including committing herself to buying a boat with no major spon-sor signed up," he said. "Her efforts in winning two legs of this race have also led to considerable publicity, virtually all of it favourable, for yachting in general and women's participation in particular." Yet, almost exactly a year ago.

Edwards's dream of competing in this 33,000 mile epic appeared to be shattered. After making more than 300 approaches to British companies, an electronics group which had shown great interest in her project finally said no, despite the patronage and continued support given to Edwards by the Duchess of York, who later christened the yacht.

With just eight months to go before the start of the race, however, money and time appeared to have run out. "I was so convinced that [the electronics group] would back us, we had the champagne ready in the fridge. When they rang to tell me their decision, I just broke down and cried," Edwards recalled yesterday. Broke, and with no leads to fresh sponsorship, Edwards telephoned her friend and mentor, King Hussein of Jordan. She had met him and Queen Noor, his American wife, in 1985, when the king chartered a yacht on which Edwards

was crewing as cook. "We became friends. He was very interested in my ambition to sail around the world, and told me I should contact him if I ever needed help or advice. He followed my passage as a cook aboard the Whitbread yacht Atlantic Privateer

during the 1985-86 race, and we kept in touch." The king's advice was "grit your teeth and stick with it. You must never give up." Three months later, Royal Jordanian Airways, which had already contributed towards Maiden's preparations in a warm-up transatlantic race the previous December (which the women won, gaining valuable exposure on American television), stepped in to back Edwards's dream of proving that women could compete on equal terms with men. This and other valuable support from a Southampton car distributor, a life insurance group, a firm of accountants and the Maiden poster display company, gave Edwards and her crew the tools to take on the world.

"Out of all the likely companies we approached, not one came forward with any help. All our sponsors contacted us first, believing, as I did, that we could achieve our goal." Edwards said. Equal faith was shown by more than 500 young women — and two men — around the world who wanted to join the adventure. "Applications are still coming in," she said yesterday, half-new through the more itself. "Linter. way through the race itself. "I interviewed 90 people, had sailing trials with 40 and picked a nucleus of eight. The crew really picked them-selves, because I could tell immediately those who had the application and belief in what I was doing."

Two weeks before the start, a clash of wills led to the departure of Marie Claude Keiffe, Maiden's highly experienced sailing master. This caused a crisis in the camp. Some of Edwards's crew did not believe she possessed the experience or ability to run the sailing side - a belief shared by others, myself included. The step from cook to captain had been sudden and unexpected. A professional sailor for 10 years, Edwards had learnt to navigate and had proved an able project director, but what would happen when the chips were down in the Southern Ocean?

Maiden's performance has forced us all to eat our words. As the race has unfolded, I have watched the 12-strong crew, and Edwards in particular, mature visibly with each stage. "When we started the race three of the crew were open enough to say that they did not have faith in my abilities as a skipper, and would be leaving the yacht after the first leg," Edwards admitted. But when they arrived in the Uruguayan port of Punta del Este at the end of the first, 6,300 mile stage, an excited third in class, no one left, However, at the start of the second, 7,650 mile leg across the freezing wastes of the Southern Ocean to Fremantle, West Australia, apprehension had struck.



Twelve of the best: the crew of the Maiden congratulate Tracy Edwards on her Yachtsman of the Year award

"I was quaking in my shoes," Edwards said. "We had experienced some bad weather, but how would we cope with the extreme conditions of the Roaring Forties and

Screaming Fifties?" Edwards had good reason to be fearful. The weather was among the worst encountered in the 17-year history of the race, leading to one death, five other man-overboard crises, and three cases of broken bones. On Maiden, Claire Russell, the team doctor, was knocked overboard. Russell's life-harness stopped her from falling in the water, but the shock of nearly losing a crewmate took some time to

overcome. They experienced another close shave midway through the voyage, when Maiden narrowly missed two icebergs. "The radar did not pick them up," Edwards said. "It was a dark, moonless night, and the first I saw was a flash of light ahead. I turned round and saw another we had just sailed past."

Another aspect they found diffi-

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cult to contend with was the intense cold. In one of Tracy's regular dispatches to The Times during the race, she wrote: "It is bitterly cold and the wind just bites through the layers of clothing. Fingers are permanently unworkable. It is 80 C below deck and the heater is no more effective than sitting around a candle, so we can't even get warm."

espite the conditions. the Maiden crew pulled out a 230-mile lead over their rivals. They capped this with a second victory on the next stage, from Fremantle to Auckland, building a 16-hour lead over the fleet at this half-way stage. Behind the boat is a supportive shore crew that includes pop star Simon Le Bon's brother Johnny, and Pam Hay, from Netley in Hampshire, who carries the title of Social Secretary. She controls the diary and crew uniforms and arrives in port ahead of time to investigate

Edwards admits that her crew is

the best night-spots.

not as strong physically as its rivals, but overcomes this by finding better ways of tackling the harder jobs onboard. "A task that takes four men may require five women, but no one has ever minded getting up on deck

And what is to follow once this race is over? "I certainly won't do this race again; I will have nothing to prove. We are writing a book [which is being serialized in The Sunday Times] about the race, and after that I want to take up living helicopters." Simon Lawrence, the fiancé she left back home in Hampshire, paid for an initial twohour lesson last year — "in the hope that it would put me off" — but after a spin with King Hussein in his own helicopter Edwards has been well and truly bitten by the aviation bug.

First, however, there is the little business of rounding Cape Horn and completing the Whitbread race back to Southampton next May. "We have a long way to go, but I have never been more confident in the boat and crew," she said.

No way to say goodbye

Revenge is chic, even for an MP, as the courts heard all last week. And when it's not tragic, it can be highly comic

once wrote a short story ruined by the man's possessive mother. At the end, the vengeful girlfriend crept round in the dusk, lured the old virago's show poodle into the garden and cut off its pompom. Pure fantasy, of course: but not long afterwards I met a girl who demanded to know how I had found out her story. She had not, it transpired, desecrated a poodle but a fleecy Afghan hound. Her former lover bred them, and the night she found out about

and purples. When it comes to the fury of women (and men) scorned, fiction has a hard time keeping up with reality. For every witty revenge dreamed up by a novelist or a playwright, you can find a dozen more in the newspaper files. Cutting up a man's trousers is a favourite device in local-rep farces: but only last year there were stirring tales circulating that, in one famous case, Pamella nervy, jumpy woman", which

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allegations that a British MP had done just case fiction has more distance ex-mistress, including serving up the family's pet rabbit; but even nastier things turn up weekly in the law courts. One prefers to pass hastily

over the more unpleasant forms of lovers' revenge: the girl who felled her boyfriend by serving him a "civilized" last meal of ham which she had kept for a week in the airing cupboard, the poisoning of pet animals, and worst of all the vicious use of children insidiously turning them is working with his new against an absent father. That yuppie mistress.
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And information technolabout an affair which was ogy has brought new potential horrors: throwing a workaholic's Filofax in the river is nothing compared to what you could do to her floppy disks with a magnet or a computer virus. So far there are few reports of that nature, although there is an unverifiable rumour of a furious, jilted secretary who faxed some very compromising pictures direct to her beloved's strait-laced European chairman.

Women seem, by anecdotal evidence, more prone to such revenges than men (who, when not breaking things, chiefly specialize in spreading nasty stories in a deceptively caring tone - as in: "She needs help, but she won't get treatment"). In particular, girls have a tendency to strike like puff-adders at a man's pride, presumably because he has done such damage to theirs. It may shock the innocent to hear that not every strippergram is sent by a well-wisher. A former 20-stone rolypolygram once told me how she was recruited by "a rather Bordes had done precisely made her suspicious: but it that. Writing LOVE on mirwas only at the last minute she

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that, Fatal Attraction made a to catch up. There are some box-office smash out of good ideas around in Behavpsychopathic behaviour by an ing Badly Dame Judi Dench deploys the ultimate ex-wife's weapon of simply moving back into the family home and ganging up with the new wife on her husband. In Shirley Lowe's and Angela Ince's book, Swapping, the jilted housewife sets up an advertising agency and takes over her ex-husband's best account. getting him sacked. And in Coronation Street, bespectacled Deirdre Barlow has discovered that she legally either by snatching them owns half of Ken's beloved abroad to punish a wife, or by local newspaper, on which he

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Gold of the Vikings

In York the lien of com-merce lies down with the lamb of archaeology, Nigel Andrew as found at the Jorvik Viking Centre. In The Times on Saturday he continues his out-of-season tour of Britain's top tourist attractions.

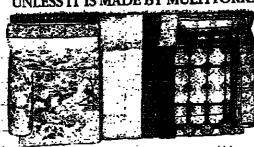
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Finding a furniture bargain in the sales is only half the battle - getting rid of your old sofa, bed or wardrobe can be equally traumatic. Local charities might be grateful for large items, but they are rarely prepared to pick them up. "Community furniture" schemes will collect, restore and re-sell items at modest prices to people who need them. Your local council might be able to put you in touch with one, or you can telephone or write (including an SAE) to the Community Furniture Network, Highbank, Halton Street, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 2NY (061 3678780).

Power play

The batteries in most of the toys bought for Christmas are probably already running down — along with the parents. With £2.50-worth of batteries needed for some, it can cost £10 a week to keep a remote-controlled car going. Mercury and cadmium-free batteries, now widely available from greenish manufacturers such as Varta, are still a drain on the finances, even if

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they are environmentally prefcrable. And slow-moving so-lar-powered toys (available from the Science Museum and shops for around £11.50) may never catch on. The Victorians used to produce sophisticated moving toys using mechanical power. Isn't it time for a toy industry award for the deverest moving toy which does not require

Knitter natter The great revival of tapestry

and knitwear is reflected in the greenhouse effect. the 1990 tapestry and knitting catalogue from Ehrman: the company's tenth, and the first to carry a £1 charge. "It is the largest and most ambitious catalogue we have produced," Hugh Ehrman says. There are 76 new kits and 80 pages of colour photography covering spectacular offerings by Kaffe Fasset, Susan Duckworth, Sarah Windrum and other leading designers. "With looser shapes and richer colours returning, the urge to knit is back," Ehrman says. The catalogue is available from Ehrman, Freepost, London W8 4BR (01-937 4568).

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"You can't take the children down from the shelf 10 years later.

Out in the wash Alongside all the new "green" (or greenish) washing powders is Lever Brothers' Radion, the unapologetically radioactivesounding detergent which promises to blast body odours out of clothes. Admittedly Radion is a "low tem-perature" wash, which saves energy, but it makes no pretence of not containing phosphates and is proud of its

patented, deodorant perfume. The company says: "If Persil is about 'caring', Radion is tough - more up-front about things like odours. And our market research showed that people are concerned about them." Lever Brothers is banking on the fact that the "ring around the collar" brigade still carries more consumer clout than those who get hot under the collar about

Cold shoulder

The success of Britain's antifur campaigners has been demonstrated by the House of Fraser's decision to ban furs from all but its flagship store, Harrods, and the dramatic seasonal fur sales and fur shop closures.

Now it looks as if anti-fur propaganda is taking effect in America, where East Coast matrons traditionally swathe themselves in mink and Hollywood wives sweat in sable and silver fox. Not only has Lynx, the animal rights campaign, just opened its first American branch in Beverly Hills, but Aspen, the celebrities' favourite Colorado ski resort, is debating a ban on fur sales. In the new Ghostbusters II movie, filmed in New York. one of the "hauntings" even takes the form of a woman's fur coat coming to life and running off, yapping reproachfully. With Italian furworshippers such as Armani now producing fakes that cost as much as the real thing and provide the status without the

stigma, we shouldn't feel left out in the cold. Victoria McKee



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MEDIA & MARKETING

A year filled by cameras and guns

ext week a dozen colleagues join me to try to sort out the winners for this year's Royal Television Society journalism awards. The awards, reflecting work done in 1989, will then be formally presented at a private screening and dinner, which is not without an obvious added tension. It takes a certain skill to sit idly by, plumped up and drink-laden, applauding pictures of the latest famine in Ethiopia, or the horror of Hillsborough.

Year-on-year comparison of what the various television organizations chose to enter is revealing. Whereas once most work was the product of one reporter and crew attending an occasion or event, nowadays the flexibility of equipment, coupled with the world-wide use of swift satellite transmission, has pushed team

work to the fore.

Although British television cannot match the Americans for either money or manpower, it still manages to put a formidable number of troops in the field, from Tiananmen Square to Timisoara. Anyone who saw the recent fine review of Sir Robin Day's career, which included much of

his pioneering overseas reporting, could not fail to note the contrast. The heavier investment matches an increased sense of

at least of the feeling that the public should be given news most of the time. No terrestrial television broadcaster yet offers a round-the-clock on-air news operation, as do Sky and the American Cable News Network, CNN.

However, as Kate Adie pointed out in a post-Tiananmen after-dinner talk, for the reporter in the field what the BBC and ITN now offer amounts to much the same thing. The machines keep running.
Adie also noted that a fresh set of

problems arise for the reporter at the scene. When, in the context of a 24-hour operation, is the "deadline"? More specifically, when do you stop filming, go back to base, and prepare, polish and transmit what you have shot, anxiously aware that your rival, operating on a different schedule, may have held out for better? Of course, this problem has been present ever since the BBC monopoly was broken by ITN, but nowadays the greater camera presence, coupled with increased transmission, seem to make the outcome more visible.

More visible, too, is the extent to which camera and crowd interact, so that political change seems to be brought about or not by, with, and through, the

camera. Individual journalists are, therefore, in constant danger of becoming part of the action. But, even in a year of turnultuous upset and surprise, on-theground reporters kept a crucial distance.

To my eye, the London-based newsreaders also wobbled from time to time, displaying flashes of simple-minded Western optimism. The flavour lay somewhere between that of an election-night studio romp and the rivalry of the Eurovision Song contest. Bulgaria: deux points. Albania: nul point. For democracy? Easy endorsement-byassociation of what the camera may do needs to be kept in check. Remember, as we applaud the "popular" uprisings in Eastern Europe, that such manifestations have been less welcome in, say, Northern Ireland. Note, too, that the camera did not prove mightier than the bullet in Peking, and it was a close thing in Bucharest. Just as it has always been simplistic to blame the collapse of the American effort in Vietnam on television, so, too, it is easy to credit television today with too great a role. Clearly television has accentuated matters, and has acted

BROADCAST But it is not itself the trigger. The Romanian episode, and Brian Wenham coverage of it. was important in a more prosaic sense. In mid-year the BBC

had clearly outclassed ITN in Peking, in Bucharest the boot was on the other foot. The levelling-up of fortune has been particularly timely. This week the Commons committee on the Broadcasting Bill begins its deliberations.

he Bill includes provision that the new-model Channel 3 contains news and an established news provider or providers, but it still leaves room for doubt about adequacy and methods of funding. The ITN system has often been something of a pain to ITV managing directors, who grumble about escalating costs. The sad truth is that anyone wanting to keep abreast of reportorial developments will be obliged to spend high.

In journalism, you are either on the spot, or you are not. If you are, the work will be first-hand. If not, you can only reflect at one remove; you cannot authenticate. Any medium-sized country that takes television seriously should be able to afford at least two well-funded and free-standing sources of authentication. and, therefore, of cross-referencing. The last days of 1989 hammered the point

A woman's own rise

It is said that she never loses a fight, but Bridget Rowe's new role takes her to a different front.

Sally Brompton says

he electronic red sign flash-ing in the foyer of Inter-national Publishing Corpo-ration's magazine headquar-Rowe to edit TV Times, Keith McNeill to edit Woman's Own." After four years in the editor's chair of Woman's Own, Rowe, aged 39, is leaving the cut-throat world of women's magazines to move into the no less cut-throat world of television publishing at a time when the listings battle is about to explode.

Her departure means that, for the first time, the two flagships of IPC's women's magazine empire - Woman and Woman's Own - will be edited by men. Significantly, both Keith McNeill, aged 36, and David Durman, 41, Woman's editor for the past two years, have worked as Rowe's "incredibly loyal" deputies on Woman's Own, a fact which Rowe regards as an accolade to her own steady rise up the magazine hierarchy.

"If David hadn't been made editor of Woman and Keith hadn't been made editor of Woman's Own, I think I would have taken it very personally, Rowe says. "I would have been very upset because I think they both deserve it and are absolutely the right people for those jobs."

To suggest, in true women's magazine style, that Rowe taught "her boys" everything they know would clearly be a libellous exaggeration. Nevertheless, Rowe, a highly-regarded professional in the mass magazine market, admits: "I do think it's part of an editor's job to help and encourage deputies. In some ways it is a harder job than being editor because you often get the rotten bits and you do have to pick up the pieces a lot. And it's so important for an editor to have a strong deputy with a loud voice, otherwise the editor can be like a runaway train."

She enjoyed some splendid rows with both Durman and McNeill and also, no doubt, with Richard Barber, her former deputy on Woman's World and former editor of Woman, whom she is now replacing as editor of TVTimes. "The great thing about it was



Moving: Bridget Rowe's TV Times post brings changes for former deputies Keith McNeill (left) and David Durman

'I think it's part of an editor's job to encourage deputies. In some ways it is a harder job than being editor because you have to pick up the pieces. It's important to have a strong deputy, otherwise the editor can be like a runaway train'

that neither David nor Keith would ever let me nod off and I wouldn't ever let them nod off."

Durman recalls a "blazing row" with Rowe six months after he joined Woman's Own. "I was feeling very fed up with her and sorry for myself when she said, 'just because we're rowing doesn't mean we can't have a drink' and she opened her fridge and produced a bottle of champagne, and I thought 'here's a lady with style'." Even so, neither he nor McNeill can remember winning an argument with Rowe. "Bridget always wins a fight," Durman says.

The daughter of a former director of W.H. Smith. Rowe did a business course before joining She as the office junior, where her job included looking getting my dressing gown on and really."

after the editor's goat. She progressed up the sub-editors' tables of She, 19, and Club - IPC's short-lived magazine for men - moving into the editor's chairs of Woman's World, Sunday and then Woman's Own, with a brief interlude on The Sun as assistant editor (features).

She has still to plan her onslaught upon the proposed deregulated world of television listings. "I have no idea what the current situation is," she says. "The whole thing is very complicated and something I will obviously get my brain round in the next couple of weeks." Already a devoted fan of Coronation Street, she intends to widen her television viewing over the coming months, "I adore says, "because she's an old softy,

putting my feet up and watching a jolly good film on telly."

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She feels that she has made Woman's Own more socially aware during her editorship, with campaigns such as that to improve conditions for rape victims, and last summer's "green" issue. "Woman's Own readers are carers and slightly stronger in their opinions than Woman readers," she claims, acknowledging the in-house competition between the two magazines which "builds up every now and again into us shutting lift doors on each other. Since David has been editing Woman, we've been able to double-think each other. There's a lot of bluff and counter-bluff, but it's good

She will miss the daily cut-and-thrust with both Durman and McNeill. "If they've picked up anything from me I hope it is that you can commit yourself to something and work incredibly hard but have enormous fun doing it." Durman describes her as "the most exciting person I've ever worked with", while McNeill speaks of her "infectious enthusiasm" and stubbornness. Both agree that "she chooses her men well"

"I think she lives a lie," Durman

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Raising the West's voice?

Cold War, millions of people throughout the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe tuned into radio stations funded by the CIA to find out what was happening

in their own country.

Since 1951, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, two American stations based in Munich, have broadcast non-stop into the Soviet bloc with the aim of undermining Communist rule. "We're not ashamed to be regarded as subversive by an authoritarian government," says lain Elliott, associate director of Radio Liberty.

However, Elliott, says that all programmes are objective and balanced, providing an alternative version of events to the heavily censored statecontrolled media.

Voice of America, funded perform a different role. Voice of America is heard mainly in Western Europe and extols the virtues of American life. As an

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The BBC, does however, respond to requests for ing if the annual subsidy, information from listeners on which is worth about £121 information from listeners on subjects such as parliamentary million, could be better spent democracy and free-enterprise economies.

Alistair Fraser

looks at the changing role of radio in the Eastern bloc

But Barry Elliott, head of Central European Services, rejects the idea that the BBC is lecturing its listeners. "You can perform a didactic role, but it's better to have discussions. We're not trying to force opinions down people's

With the recent upheaval in political regimes, it would be reasonable to assume Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty have done their job and can switch off the transmitby the American government, ters. Their presence now could and the BBC's World Service, even seem provocative, ineven seem provocative, in-flaming old tensions that the. superpowers wish to bury.

Exactly how much the stations can contribute to détente information provider, the now is open to question, and BBC World Service broad-some members of the United casts to Eastern Europe' States Congress, which took regardless of the political over funding them in 1971 complexion. open secret, might be wonder-

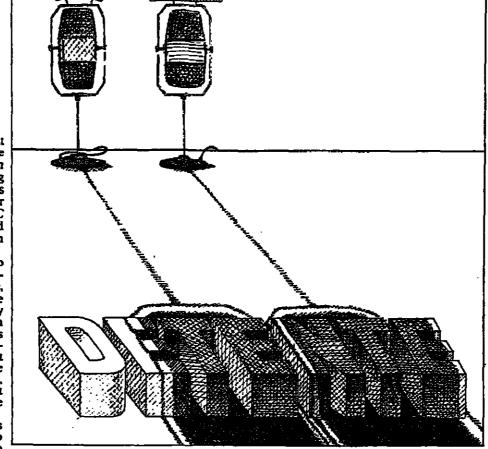
elsewhere. If so, the worries are not shared by Gene Pell, president of both Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Far from winding down and preparing for redundancy, Pell is increasing the output. Over Christmas the former NBC correspondent expanded broadcasts to Romania from six to 24 hours a day.

Programming has also changed. Following the breakdown of Communist rule, correspondents now operate more or less openly in every country instead of relying on clandestine reports, news from expatriates and monitoring the state media. Soviet papers, Pell says, praise the stations for their coverage, and he claims government officials are now willing to be interviewed

Radio Liberty broadcasts into the Soviet Union. Radio Free Europe beams into Eastern Europe and also targets Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, which the United States refuses to recognize as Soviet republics.

The two stations air programmes in 21 languages to a listening audience of 50 million.

Their regular diet of talk shows is now supplemented by a new range of pro-grammes, guiding listeners on such subjects as how to write a constitution, build free trade unions and run a stock With 1,300 staff in the



Munich headquarters, they make their own programmes, using correspondents who are largely naturalized Americans of Eastern European origin.

The stations now face, for the first time, the possibility of competition from native-run radio free from state manipulation. It remains to be seen whether the liberalization of the media in their own countries will tempt no longer jams the broadcasts Redlich, director of public affairs for the two stations. says this is a possibility, although none has gone yet.

increase in output could be counter-productive, Pell claims to have had direct appeals from Solidarity's Lech Walesa and the new Czech president, Vaclav Havel, to maintain the broadcasts.

He is also unlikely to close the stations while the Soviet Union is taking its first small steps towards democracy. It correspondents back. Bob and has not interfered in the coverage of events. As recently as last week, the

protests in troubled Azerbaijan showed why indepen-

Far from accepting that the dent media are still needed. Foreign journalists were barred from the republic and, in true Brezhnevite fashion, Tass blamed the disturbances on drugged hooligans. Pell agrees, though, that his

days are numbered if the countries continue to move towards Western-style democracy. "When certain criteria are met, such as freedom of speech, free press and elections, I'll be the first to stand up, applaud and then leave." • Alistair Fraser is a staff member of Campaign.

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press cuttings agency, Romeike and Curtice, says: "Clients are scared to stick an exclusion on anything, in case it just happens to be the cutting they need. But we encourage clients to talk to their account executives."

The way seems open for someone to introduce a more hi-tech service. But Nick Browning, chief executive of Standard Press Analysts, doubts whether the market is, in fact, ready. "It's essential to know what an article looks like - how big the photograph was and so on. Even if the technology were available for direct access into newspapers, and I could replicate what we do down the telephone line, I don't believe the markets would really want it."

Geraldine Bedell

Ad agencies' high hopes

Forget gloomy predictions and watch spending continue, say the optimists

Gloomy forecasts have dog-ged the industry ever since abandon the global visions companies started to trim they had in the 1980s for a advertising budgets in line more inward-looking view." with the economy. This led to Agencies insist that, al-a rash of redundancies in though large advertisers have based agencies.

the first alarm bells in August, spending heavily. forecasting that advertising Woolworth, fo against a 4 per

1989. Now a slowing of conshould be the sumer spending business to and corporate profits growth, said by the association to maintain our revenues' be the econ-

most affecting advertising, has prompted the association to sing network gave its own very revise its original estimate and different figures. These esti-

omic variables

property market has cast a ing will pick up," Saatchi says. shadow over display and Many agencies are relying recruitment advertising, on large advertisers such as which could also have serious Procter & Gamble spending results for agency profits, their way through crises. They Agencies disagree. should be enough business advertisers who walked away around to keep revenues sta- from advertising suffered. tic," says John Horner, chair-

& Mather are a long-overdue fat-trimming exercise

he latest advertising David Forster, advertising expenditure figures analyst at Kleinwort Benson, from the Advertising the broker, agrees, although he Association, predicting that believes more cuts are coming. 1990 might be the industry's He says: "What is going on is a worst year in nearly a decade, reasonably healthy process of ing agencies as being excessively bleak. are being regarded by advertis- cost control, akin to what has the City. But a downturn in

almost all the bigger British-based agencies. cut their budgets to reflect the reduction in high street busi-The association sounded ness, some companies are still

forecasting that advertising Woolworth, for instance, expenditure - expected to be which spent £10 million on £7.6 billion last year - would advertising in 1988, put the slow to an inflation-adjusted same amount aside for growth of 1 per cent in 1990, advertising last year, most of it

In 1990 there up. This led to believe that the hard landing being forecast is more likely to be a soft one. Last bled Saatchi & Saatchi adverti-

predict that advertising spend- mated that spending will rise ing will drop to minus 1 per by 6.4 per cent this year, going up to 9.2 per cent in 1992,
The association's spokesman adds that the depressed 1989. "This decade advertis-

"There say that in the 1973 recession

However, Stephen Ward, man of HDM Horner Collis & Cadbury Schweppes's market-Kirvan. "A lot of agencies are ing director, believes that as hiding behind the theory of a companies adjust their expenrecession to get rid of un-diture to cope with high wanted staff, although there is interest rates and lack of sales, no doubt that companies are advertising will be one of the looking to make their ad- first areas to go. "It is only at vertising pound work harder." the margin end that it be-Horner says recent redun- comes valuable and I can't dancies at agencies such as agree that advertising volumes Saatchi & Saatchi and Ogilvy will be sustained," he says.

Nicola Chapman

said about them in the Press - and they need to know it quickly.

The past decade has seen the emergence of the high-speed newspaper and magazine cuttings service; faxing or delivering press commentary to the desks of merchant bankers and PR consultants before the day begins.

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advisers, need to know what is being

This kind of service began in the Analysts. 19th century, when companies supestimated 70 per cent of the market. and environmental issues.

But the high-speed sector has But though much in demand, the grown from a £200,000 business in services have some critics. Simon

How the high-speed clippings services have cashed in on big business

Short cut to a paper fortune

1979 (when the Government privatized Whitehall's in-house cuttings services) to one turning over some £3 million a year, according to Martin Pearson of Standard Press

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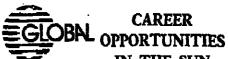
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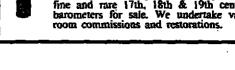
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- <u>an</u>uary and London may not be an ideal combination for many, but for lovers of drawings and watercolours there are attractions enough to offset the weather and postfestive depression. The annual show of the English School at Agnew's in Old Bond Street always began at the end of the month, running through February, but this year's exhibition will open on March 12. The reason for the break with tradition is the success of a newcomer, the World of Drawings and Watercolours fair in the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly.

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The fair this year will have only one participant from overseas, Sven Bruntjen from California, because the organizers have been careful to balance the various periods and styles, and there are bout 50 exhibitors with differing fields of expertise.

It is not only a feast for devotees of English watercolours. Of course, the core is the English School, with a good number of specialists in the earlier works as well as the Victorian period, but there are also Old Master and modern drawings from many countries. An indication of the success of the fair was the way in which the main sale rooms, Sotheby's and Christie's - normally in hibernation at this time organized watercolour sales on its coat-tails last year. This was not entirely satisfactory for them, because many dealers and collectors were tied up at the fair. This year, Christie's is not repeating the experiment, but Sotheby's has a sale at Bond Street on January 31, and will also offer watercolours at Billingshurst, West Sussex, on

The fair will be opened on

Watercolours and other works on paper are steadily regaining public popularity, as a fair entering its fifth year illustrates

January 24 by an eminent artist, Victorian-fancying dealers as Jer-John Ward, RA, who is not just a well-known portrait painter in oil, but an effective landscape

painter in watercolour. The fair continues until January 28, and there will be two lectures. Works on sale are expected to cost from £50 to six-figure sums. As is usual at leading art and antiques fairs, there will be a loan exhibition at the heart of it, this year from one of the best private collections of Pre-Raphaelite

emy Maas, chairman of the fair: Julian Hartnoll, Christopher Wood, Peter Nahum and Chris Reetles?

The last of these had been intending to organize a parallel exhibition in his St James's gallery devoted to the Old Watercolour Society, but the publication of the book that was to accompany it has been put back to June, so Beetles is concentrating his efforts on the this month's fair.

drawings in the country.

Will this exhibition boost the sales of such Pre-Raphaelite and middle of what for many purists is



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the high period of the English School J.R. Cozens and Thomas Girtin were dead, but Turner, Cotman, Cox, Varley and de Wint were at an early stage in their careers. Because they were cut off from the artistic influences of the European Continent, and in particular the neo-classicism of Imperial France, they developed a force and technical virtuosity that astonished the European painters after Waterloo.

Before and after the Napoleonic Wars, however, contacts between the British and Continental Schools were close, and it will be quite natural to find works by the Dane Nicholas Dall, RA, the Swiss Samuel Hieronymus Grimm or the Frenchman Louis Francia on the stands of such "Early English" specialists as Anthony Reed, William Drummond, Martyn Greg-ory and Mark Fisher. For the 17th and 18th centuries, as seen in the Inigo Jones show at the Royal Academy, it can be pointless to try to draw the boundaries too clearly between English and Continental Old Masters.

A further example of this cul-tural crossing will be seen next month in Sotheby's sale of topographical paintings and water-colours on February 16, which includes a collection of 72 Mediterranean views by Luigi Mayer, an Italian-trained German.

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THEATRE

LONDON

& DIVERSIONS AND DELIGHTS: Oscar Wilde looks back on his life in Donald Sinden's one-man show. Limited

season.
Playhouse Theatre, Northumerbland
Ave, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube:
Embankment. Previews from tonight,
8pm. Opens Jan 16 7pm. Then Mon-Sat
8pm, £5-£15.

★ HEDDA GASILER: Elizabeth Cuinn, Richard O'Caliaghan in new adaptation of libsen's screw-turning marital drama. King's Heed Theatre, 115 Upper St, N1 (01-226 1916). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Opens tonight 7.15-9.30pm, then Tuse-Set 7.45-10pm, mats Sat 3.30-5.45pm and Sun 3-5.15pm. Tues, Wed and mats £7; Thurs Fri and Sat eve 28. Dinner 6.45pm (tonight 6.15pm, £7). ☆ HEDDA GABLER: Elizabeth Quinn

★ THE HUMAN VOICE: Susannah York THE HUMAN VOILE SUBSTRIAN TO IN THE HUMAN VOILE SUBSTRIAN TO IN COLORS IN CO mats £6, Sat eve £7. For one week only.

TAPE/CATASTROPHE: David Warniow in a most successful Backett double-bit:
Catastrophe, uniquely political for this author, is dedicated to Vaclay Havel.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd, W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8pm, 25-27.50.

☆ A LIFE IN THE THEATRE: Denholm Elliott and Samuel West in Mamet's study of an old actor and his ambitic junior: the players stronger than the

play, Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden. Tues-Sat 8pm, Mats Thurs, Sat and Sun 4.30pm, £9-£16.50.

☆ THE PELICAN: Second in this theatre's occasional series of Strindberg's chamber plays: this one melodramarizes perverted mother low Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (01-29 0706). Previews tonight, 8-9.45pm. Opens tomorrow 8-9.45pm, then Mon-Sat 8-9.45pm f5

* SCENES FROM AN EXECUTION: Glenda Jackson's return to the stage as the Renaissance painter pursuing her campaign for truth in Howard Barker's prizewinner: opening the new Almeida Theatre Company's season.
Almeide Theatre, Almeide St, N1 (01-359 4404), Tube: Highbury and Islington.
Mon-Sat Spm, mat Sat 40m, Mon £4.50-26.50; other evening performaces £8.50-£12.50. Mats £5.50-£7.50.

☆ SEVEN LEARS: Howard Barker's prequel to Shakespeare, a complex play about misgovernment and scruple. Excellently performed by Nicholas Le Prevost and the Wrestling School. Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Sq. SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Sq. Mon-Sat 8-10.45pm. Mon £4; Tues-Sat eves £5-£15.

LONG RUNNIERS: & Cata: New London Theatre (01-405 0072) ... & Las Listoris Dangereuses: Ambassacior Theatre (01-836 6111) ... & Me and My Cirk Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... & Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... & The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) ... & The Phanton of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ... & Run For Year Wife: Whitehall Theatre (01-867 1119) ... & Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

BIDEFORD: & The Snow Queen: Orchard Theatre's touring Christmas show, recruiting local children to play College Theatre, (0271 73356), today 10.30am, and 1.10pm, £3.50.

FILMS

Also on national release 2 Advance booking possible

E BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG): Over-ingenious sequel to the 1985 hit, with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd (108 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772).
Progs 2.10, 5.25, 8.10. Late Fri, Set
11.00. (Closed Sun).
Catnon Fullman Read (01-370 2636).
Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.15. (Closed Sun).
Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45,
6.15, 8.45. Late Fri, Set 11.15. (Closed iun). Miniteley's (01-792 3303). Progs 11.00,

1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.40. THE COOK, THE THISEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18): Peter Greenaway's tale of love, revenge and hauts cussine. With Richard Bohringer (120 min). Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.10, 6.00, 8.35. Castron Freezadille, 101-437 3561). Progs Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. otr (01-837 8402). Progs 1.10, 3.35,

M DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG): Robin M DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG): Hobin Williams as an English teacher who instits his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128 min).

Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Prog 8.30pm (Closed Sun).

Odeon Kensington (01-602 5193).

Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30 (not Sun), 8.30 (not Sun), 1.45 (not Sun), 1.50 (no (not Sun). Late Fri, Sat 11.15. Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2 55, 5.50, 8.30, Late Sat 11.15. (Closed Sun). Whitiey's Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 8.45.

THE DELINGUENTS (12): A routine story of defiant teenagers in the Fifties with Kylie Minogue. (50 min). Cannon Fulham (sad (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15. Cannon Oxford Street (01-63) Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30. et (01-636 0310). THE DREAM TEAM (13): Madcap adventures of four mental hospital patients let loose on Manhattan (113

on Fulhern Road (01-370 2636). Cannon Furnam Hoad (17-370 2839). Progs 1.40, 6.10, 9.20. (Closed Sun) Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.35, 3.10, 5.45, 8.25. Piaza (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45 (not Sun). Late Fri, Sat 11.15. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 11.00, 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.15 (not Sun).

C 2 Emerald Forest 5.37m Legend 5.34m Peggy Sue Got Married 5.15m Gone With the Wind (Thurs) 18.02m Prizzl's Honor 4.41m

Adventures of Robin Hood 4.18m Gone With the Wind (Fri) 3.92m Chris Evert's Farewell 3.88m

mei 4 Brookside (Wed/Sat) 6. Grampe 3.90m Just Like That 3.24m Socieman 3.32m Golden Girls 3.25m Brookside (Sat) 3.09m Stone Fox 2.67m Anne of Green Gables

TELEVISION TOP 10

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Crycodile Dundee 21.77m
Neighbours (Wed 12:18/17:36) 20.85m
EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 20.31m
Only Foots and Horses 20.12m
Neighbours (Thurs 13:16/17:36) 20.06m
Neighbours (Tri 13:14/17:35) 19.30m
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Russ Abbot Christmes Show 15.01m
EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 13.85m
Teermost 13.02m

National top 10 programmes in the week ending Decemb

Coronation Street (Wed/Set) 21.56m Coronation Street (Mon/Wed) 20.94m Coronation Street (Fri/Set) 19.19m Best of Blind Date 16.02m This is Your Life 14.07m Home and Away (Thurs) 13.01m Home and Away (Wed) 12.52m Down and Out in Beverly Hills 12.40m Catcholonae 11.53m

hphrese 11,93m e and Away (Fri) 11,63m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures is parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes): BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.7m (10.3m) TV-sure Good Marning Britisin Mon to Fri 1.9m

Pipped at the post

Andrew Shore plays the old hypochondriac who is teased into marriage and out again in the title role of a new production of Don ale for Opera North, which opens in Leeds temorrow. Donizetti's opera buffa, with its three acts of marital intrigue and decep-tion in the tradition of commedia dell'arte, is new to Opera North's repertoire, and arrives just in time to pip Covent Garden's February revival at the post. Patrick Mason, who directs, makes his house début. Most of his theatre work has been done in Ireland, at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, and at the Grand Opera, though visitors to Wexford will recognize him from last October's La Duenna and, earlier, Busoni's Turandot

Donizetti set this, his last great comic opera, in 19th-century Rome: this production plans to jaxtapose past and present, as images of classical Rome act as a backdrop to the costu manners of 1990. David Lloyd-Jones conducts a cast which promises good value: Judith Howarth as the young widow, Norins, Adrian Martin as her lover, Ernesto, and Robert Hayward as the scheming Dr Malatesta Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £5-

FIELD OF DREAMS (PG): Kevin Costner

as a farmer encouraged by a celestial voice to use his comfield for a baseball

Cannon Futham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.10. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.00, 8.30. (Closed Sun).

Cennon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.25, 5.35, 8.15. (Closed

Whiteley's Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 6.30, 9.00 (not Sun).

GHOSTBUSTERS II (PG): In which the team rid Manhattan of a devilish sime.

(108 min). Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.25 (not Sun), 6.05 (not Sun), 8.45 (not Sun). Late Fri, Set 11.20. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.15, 2.55, 5.50, 8.20. Late Fri, Sat 11.10.

1.35, 4.05, 7.55, 9.35. Closed Sun.

Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 12.30, 3.00, 6.00, 8.40.

Progs 12.30, 3.00, 6.00, 8.40. Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.00, 3.40, 6.05, 8.40. Whiteley's Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 11.15, 1.45, 4.15, 7.00, 9.30.

MYSTERY TRAIN (15): Mostly delicious

episodic film from the unique, laidback Jim Jarmusch, focussed on the Jim Jarmusch, focussed on the overnight visitors at a Memphis hotel. With Youki Kudoh, Screamin' Jay

Lumière (01-836 0691) Film at 1.40, 4.00, 6.25, 8.50. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

OLIVER AND COMPANY (U): Animate Disney feature, inspired by Dickens's Oliver Twist. (74 min).

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 12.05, 2.15, 4.30 (not Sun), 8.30 (not Sun). Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.40, 8.40.

Odeon West End (01-930 5252), Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10.

Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.20, 6.40.

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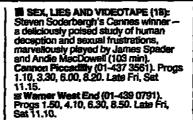
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SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering Interpol noisewile rediscovering rottance (109 min).

Empire (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30 (not Sun). Late Fri, Sat 11.15. & Cannon Futham Road (01-370 2536). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.05. (Closed Sun).

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as profession Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other (95 min). Odeon Haymarket (01-639 7697). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00. Late Fri, Sat

11.15. Screen on the HIF (01-435 3369), Progs 2.30, 4.50, 6.55, 9.00. Late Frt, Sat 11.15. (Closed Sun). Odeon Kensington (01-602 5193). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25.

CONCERTS

★ CELESTIAL SERIES: The Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and Twentieth-Jonathan Powell playing his edition of lives's *Celestial Flailroad*, Conlon Nancarrow's Piano Sonatina, Brian regreatives steams scan Epigram and giving the world premiers of Michael Finnissy's Strauss Waltzes. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8900), 6.30pm, £3-25. ♦ SAKELS REALING REDI 107-The

★ BAKELS BRAHMS, BERLIOZ: The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Kees Bakels in Brahms's Academic Festival Overture, Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique and, in between, Tchaikovsky's Violan Concerto with Joshua Bell as soloist. Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Rd. Poole (0202 685222), 7.30pm, £4.40-£10.20.

Intrigue: Andrew Shore (left) and Robert Hayward (right) in rehearsal ☆ BRAHMS BEGINS: Gerhard Oppliz gives the first in a series of recitals in which he will play all of Brahms's solo plano music. Tonight: Scherzo Op 4, Sonatz Op 5, two Rhapsodies Op 79 and Rece Op 119 and Pieces Op 119. Wigmore Hell, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

> ★ BRITTEN'S HAYDN: The Haydn series continues with his Quartets Op 76 Nos 1,3 and 5 delivered by the Britten Cuerest. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-

> ★ FOXE AND WOLFE: The Park Lane Group series continues with another selection of young artists presenting Clapperton's The Foxe that Beguil a the Wolfe under the Shadow of the Mons, Stockhausen's in Fraundschaft. Stockhausen's *In Freundschaft,* Pagliarani's *Sillabario delle Primule I*

Purcell Room, 8pm, £3.50-£6.50.

OPERA

A FAUST: First night of revival of lan Judge's powerful production for English National Opera, poised between the humorous and the harrowing. Arthur Davies, John Tomlinson and Valerie Masterson lead a cast conducted by Jacques Delacore.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London

WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-10.30pm, 23-£33. * TOSCA: ian Judge's revival for

Opera North, now with Janica Cairns in the title-role and Edmund Barham as the Cavaradossi. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351) 7.15-10pm, £5-£21.

DANCE

* CINDERELLA: Sylvie Gullem dances the title role with the Royal Ballet. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1056), 7.30pm, 21-

* THE NUTCRACKER: Peter x The tot INABUREN: Piter Schaufuss's complicated version of the Tchalkovsky classic for English National Ballet. Royal Festival Half, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £5-£19.50.

ROCK

* SMIPLY RED: Another triumphal arena residency in the wake of the phenomenally mine water of the phenomenally successful A New Flame. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middesox (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, 212.50-215.

JAZZ

A VIVA LA BLACK: Drummer Louis Moholo supervises an uncompromising set of Atro-sezz. Jezz Carte, 55 Newington Green, London NTS (01-359 4936), 8.30pm, £3. ★ HAL GALPER: Second night from the

American plantst, promoting a new Concord album, Portrail. Backing from the Peter Ind Tho. Bass Circ. 35 Coronet St, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, 25. To & JOHN DANKWORTH: Reunion time

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Romale Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). To Jan 20.

☆ CYNTHIA SAYER: Something of a rarty, the American banjoist is tonight partnered by ex-Lyttetton reeds player Bruce Turner. Pizza Express, 10 Deen St. London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, ring for prices. Also tomorrow & Thurs Jan 18.

GALLERIES

MARTIN FULLER: Recent peintings. Austin/Deamond Floe Art, 15a Bloomsbury Sq. London WC1 (01-242 4443), Mon-Fri, 10.30am 6.30pm, Sat -2.30pm, free, until Jan 25.

FELIM EGAN: Minimalist abstract paintings and columnar sculptures in which the dominant motif is a zig-zag. Scottish Gallery, 28 Cork St. London W1 (01-287 2121), Mon-Fri 10an-Spm Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Feb 3. KATE WICKHAM: New, slab-built

nted vessels covered with dream painted vessels covered with dream mages. Mitcheelson and Orient, 316 Portobello Rd, London W10 (01-969 4119), Tues-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, free, until Feb 3.

KEVIN SINNOTT: Recent figure paintings. Anne Berthoud Gallery, 10 Cifford St. London W1 (01-437 1645), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until

DANIEL MASE AND JAME OSTLER: New paintings and drawings. Sandra Higgins Fine Arts, 31 Bourdon St. London W1 (01-629 0643), Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, free, until Feb 6. PAINTINGS FROM EAST AFRICA: Recent works by Tim Brooke.
The Mail Galleries, 17 Carton House
Terrace, London SW1 (01-930 6844),
daily 10am-5pm, free, until Jan 20.

ANA MARIA PACHECO: A sculptural instellation comprising doll-like figures by a Brazilian artist. Comerhouse, 70 Oxford St, Manchester (061 e28 2463), Tues-Sun noon-Spm, free, until Jan 21.

EDWARD WADSWORTH (1889-1949): A centenary retrospective for a surrealist and modernist who painted mainly bizarre marine still life and harbour Cartwright Half, Lister Park, Bradford (0274-93313), Tues-Sun 10am-5pm, free, until Jan 14.

INIGO JONES (1573-1652): Drawings of buildings, costumes and set designs by the architect of the Queen's House, Greenwich and Banqueting House,

Royal Acadesay of Arts, Piccadilly, London, W1 (01-439 7438), daily 10am-6pm, £2.50, until Feb 25. OUT OF THE WOOD: The tree as image Out Or The work of contemporary and symbol in the work of contemporary artists such as Andy Goldsworthy. Cleveland Crafts Cartes, 57 Gilkes St, Middlesborough (0642 226351), Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, free, until Feb 10.

A ROOCHENKO (1881-1951) AND V STEPANOVA (1894-1956): Works in a range of media by two of the most influential avant-garde Russian artist whose activities were eventually outlawed by Stalin. Serpentine Gellery, Kensington Gardens, London W6 (01-402 0343), chib. 11 med. 30mm from wittle

daily 11am-4.30pm, free, until Jan 28. OTHER EVENTS

HOLIDAY, TRAVEL AND LEISURE: Holiday companies, tour operators and travel agencies give information and advice about holidays in Great Britain and abroad. Fashion shows, free guide to the exhibitors, refreshments. Queen's Hotel, Leeds. Today 10em-spm, tomorrow 10em-7.30pm.

NATIONAL STUDENT BOOKBRIDGE A COMPETITION: Exhibition of grize winning and other entries for the competition which aims to encogage full and part-time students of the craft studying at colleges and polyhochaics. Two categories are on display — design and fine binding and preservation

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HOMAGE TO GEORGES SEMENCE.
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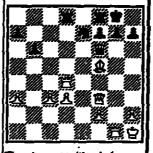
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race to develop the atom bomb
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Better Off Dead (1985): The
romantic adventures of a failed suicide
10.00 Harvest of Hate: A lawyer and a

News on the hour. 5.60am World Business Report 5.30

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Besser Carente Discussed and One With a largely female cast and an all-female production team of writer Jeanette Winterson, producer Phillippa Giles and director Beeban Kidron, Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit (BBC2, 9.25pm) should go some way towards stilling the criticism about lack of opportunity for women in television. Whether the result will be to universal taste is another matter, since the piece touches centrally on the sensitive areas of religion and a lesbian relationship.



Bible-bashing: Geraldine McEwan (left) and Emily Aston (BBC2, 9.25pm)

Adapted by Winterson from her loosely autobiographical novel which won the 1985 Whitbread Prize, Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit charts a young girl's childhood in Lancashire in the definitely unswinging 1960s. Little Jess grows up against the repressive background of puritan religion, dinned into her by an adoptive mother who sees sin round every corner. Deprived of young company Jess is forced to tag along with Mother's bible-bashing cronies, among whom the 82-year-old Elsie is the nearest thing to a friend. Even school is likened to "the sink if I didn't put the bleach down it". If tonight's opening episode tends to make the same point rather too often, and also lapses into caricature, there are ample compensations. One is a leavening of humour with such priceless lines of dialogue as "You can tell a good woman by her sandwiches" and "You don't need an airing cupboard when you've got Jesus". The other delights are Geraldine McEwan's Lancashire matriarch, a precocious performance by young Emily Aston as Jess and a formidably eccentric supporting cast which recalls the feminine contingent of Last of the Summer Wine.

It is ironic that a programme which raises questions about the regulation of television should itself fall foul of the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Only Joking (Channel 4, 11.10pm) was due to have been transmitted in the autumn, but pulled out, and now appears late in the evening with the warning that some viewers may find it shocking. The controversial item in a survey of alternative comedy on both sides of the Atlantic is a performance by an American stand-up comic whose outrageously racist and sexist material is beamed into 17 million homes. The programme asks whether as television moves towards deregulation it could happen here and, if so, how far it should be censored.

(#ZZZ BBC1 6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with

Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer.
Includes news headlines every 15
minutes, regular sports bulletins,
weather, regional news and
travel, and a look at the morning
papers with Paul Callan 8.55
Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Earnonn Holmes and Jayne Irving. To contribute ring 061 814 0424

9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kiroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)

10.25 Children's BBC, with Simon Parkin, starts with Playdays. The Dot Stop (r) 10.50 Poddington Peas.

Dump-Peas Diet (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven with Elisen Atkins 11.00 News and weather followed by

11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air, including a report on the London Boat Show
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytine Live. Alan Trichmarsh and Judi Spiers are joined by Sue Kreitzman with her Silm Culsine 12.55 Regional News and

1-00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis followed by Weather with John Kettley

1.38 Neighbours. Mrs Mangel shocks her son when she blames him for ruining her life. At the summer tête, Sharon decides to teach Mrs

Mangel a lesson. (Ceefax)

1.50 Going for Gold. Quiz hosted by
Henry Kelly

2.15 Knots Landing. To Sing His
Praise. Emotions run high at
Joshua's funeral, Stars Joan Van

Ark and Ted Shackleford 3.00 Primetime, Shelia McClennon

3.00 Primetime. Shelia McClennon talks to puppeteer Des Turner, and Miriam O'Callaghan reports on the plight of imported parrots

3.35 Tom and Jerry Double Bill.

Snowbody Loves Me/Puss 'n' Boats

3.50 Children's BSC, presented by Andy Crane, starts with Dooby Duck's Disco Bus 3.55 Rupert.

Rupert and the Secret Boat (r) 4.00 Mick and Mac. Decorating.

There's chaos in the bathroom 4.10 SuperTed. Phantom of the Grand Old Opry 4.25 Ten in a Bed. A Kiss, narrated by Victoria Wood (r)

4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles.

The first of a four-part story. 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Little Sir Nicholas 5.35 Neighbours. A chance to see the episode shown earlier today. (Ceelax)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford

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7.30 Wogen
7.30 Femily Matters. Stars in Their
Eyes. A documentary on the way
advertisers use children for film commercials and catalogues. Bill Hanrahan talks to the parents who put their chidren through the tough competition, rigorous auditions and long working hours, and asks whether the price of fame and fortune is too high. A studio discussion on the subject follows

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8.00 Deltas. Cry Me a River of Oil. JR's scheming ways drag him into dangerous financial waters; Cally finds out about JR's meetings with April Stevens; and Michele plays on Cliff Barnes's vulnerability to win her way with him. Stars Larry Hagman, Patrick Duffy and Ken Kercheval

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson

Robinson
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn
Lewis, followed by Regional News and weather

9.30 QED. Sweet FA looks at the predicament of victims of the fatal spinal disease Friedreich's Ataxia, and focuses on the plight of Alun Jones, who has already lost Auth Jones, who has aready lost his brother and sister to the hereditary illness. The programme tells of his own physical pain, and the unceasing search for a cure in the face of limited covergment backing.

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6.00 TV-em starts with News and Good Morning Britain, presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Michael Morris and Linda Mitchell Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After

Nine. Introduced by Kathy Tayler
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game with
Lennie Bennett
9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time... The Place... Mike

Scott and a studio audience discuss fortune-telling

10.40 This Morning. Judy Finnigan and
Richard Madeley are joined by agony
aunt Denise Robertson. Brian
Thomas reports from Hollywood.

Pius items on caring organizations and microwave cookery 10.55 News Headlines 11.55 Regional

News
12-10 Allsorts. Picture Show. Jiffy,
Bonzo and Virginia paint their own pictures 12.30 Home and Away. Martin sets out to capture Roo's heart. Carly confesses her alcoholism but

begs Cella to let people know she is not a drug addict 1.00 News at One followed by national weather
1-20 Thames News and weather,

finances rewarded weather, followed by Crimestoppers
Snooker. Mercantile Credit
Classic, with Tony Francis presenting the first of the quarter finals from Nortreck Castle, Blackpool 3.25 Thames News and Weather 3.30 Coronation Street. A chance to see Monday's episode

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4.00 Children's ITV, presented by
Jeanne Downs, starts with Women.
Mad Science. Wowser, a big
shaggy dog with special powers,
helps his master test his
inventions 4.15 Relf's Cartoon Club,
presented by Rolf Harris 4.40 Mr
Majelka. Fangs for the Memory. Mr
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Majelka, the falled magician
working as a schoolteacher in
Britland, tries everything he can
to get rid of a vegetarian vampire.
Stars Stanley Baxter

5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz, hosted by
Bob Holness, for the 16- to 18-year-olds

olds 5.40 News followed by national

weather (Oracle)
6.00 Home and Away. A chance to see the episode shown earlier today
6.25 Thames News and Weather
6.50 Thames Help
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs a surprise on another

springs a surprise on another celebrity

7.30 Coronation Street. As solicitors take charge of Deirdre's separation from Ken, and emotions become entangled with money, Mike Baldwin sportingly offers Deidre his shoulder to cry on. Meanwhile, back at the Rover's Return, Alec and Bet throw a birthday party for Bet throw a birthday party for Sandra, and wonder how she will react to her new stepmother (Oracle) inspector Morse. Sins of the Fathers. The Radford brewing family

8.00 rations to hautor ordering taking is facing a takeover bid by a multinational when managing director Trevor Radford is murdered. It's a case tailor-made for real-ale quaffer inspector Morse (John Thaw).

(Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten followed by national weather. (Oracle)
10.30 Thames News and Weather
10.35 Snooker. Mercantile Credit
Classic. Tony Francis introduces coverage of the quarter-final action from Blackpool

12.30am The Oldest Rookie. Internal Affeirs Affeir. Lieutenant Zaga's daughter asks like and Tony for help when her father is charged with neip when her tamer is charged who drug offences and comuption Stories in the Night. Mediumship. First in a new series, presented by Nick Stuart, which looks at the

paranormal. Tonight's programme investigates mediums and communication with the spirit world 2.00 News Headlines tollowed by Videotashion. The Star System. A

new series which looks at the world of designers and models America's Top 10, with Casey

3.60 Friday the 13th. The Inheritance. Two cousins inherit an antique shop and find it has a curse on it. Stars John D. LeMay 4.00 News Headlines followed by

Sport. Skytrack. Motor sport from Brands Hatch — trucks, karts, saloons and an air display 4.30 Fifty Years On. A look at what was making the news headlines in

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

(BBC 2) 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster with

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9.00 Village School. Autumn Term (r)

9.30 Betjemen in Australia.

Tasmania (r)
9.55 The Historyman. Breweries. How the big brewers have wiped out many traditional public houses (r)
10.00 Laurel and Hardy (b/w). Tit for

10.20 Film: Arizona Legion (1939, b/w), starring George O'Brien, Laraine Johnson and Carlyne Moore ir. A cowboy forms a secret group of rangers pledged to bring
Arizona's ruthless outlaws to justice.
Directed by David Howard

1.20 Film: The Saint in London (1939,

b/w), starring George Sanders, Sally Gray and David Burns. Simon Templar, alias the Saint, on the trail Templar, alias the Saint, on the trail of an underground network involving currency fraud, murder and a London society girl. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs

12.30 Cape to Cairo. A journey by steam loco (r) 1.20 Bertha. The Windmills (r)

1.35 Look, Stranger, Jimmy the One (r)

2.00 News and weather followed by Country File. A report on a new method of making artificial peat and compost (r)

2.25 Darts. Embassy world professional championship highlights 3.00 and 3.50 News and Weather

Weather
4.00 Catchword with Paul Coia
4.30 Behind the Headlines with

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5.00 Talk of the 80s. Barry Norman
talks to Chariton football star Garth
Crooks, who is also chairman of
the Professional Footballers

the Professional Footballers'
Association, about the future of
the game (r)
5.30 Holiday 90 (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 DEF II starts with The Invisible
Men. The Klee Dynesty, starring
David McCallum (r) 6.50
Reportage. Music, fashion, sports
and current affairs
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7.40 Rapido. Start of a new series, with the almost unintelligible Antoine de Caunes. The programme includes David Byrne, Neil Young in

includes David Byrne, Neil Young is concert, and film director Jacques Beinetx talking about his new film Rosalyn and the Lions, which stars Isabel Pasco

8.10 Jailers. Documentary about the Newbold Pevel Prison Service College training programme, and the daily routines of three young warders stationed at different jails

9.00 M*A*S*H. Goodbye Radar. Facing its darkest hour, the 4077th unit attempts to call Radar back from leave in Tokyo (r)

attempts to call Radar back from leave in Tokyo (r)
9.25 Oranges Are Not the Only Pruit (see Choice)
10.20 Building Sights. Architect Nigel Coates talks about Chelsea tootball stadium's east stand, designed by Darbourne and Darke in 1972 (r)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 Weatherview
11.20-11.65pm Behind the Scenes.
Another chance to see the programme shown earlier today

BBC1 WALES: 6.30-7.00pm Wales Today
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CHANNEL 4

5.00 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 The Art of Landscape. Visual images of the natural world and different kinds of music 12.00 The Parliament Programme, with Sue Cameron and Nicholas Woolley 12.30 Business Delly, with Susamah Simons 1.00 Ses

Street
2.00 The Carers. A Home for Clare. The first programme in this Open College series tells the story of how 91-year-old Clare Reed adjusted to living in an old people's home

2.30 Gnostics. The Goodmen's Heresy. The investigation of the alternative lost version of Christianity continues with a look at

Christianity continues with a look at the Cathers, gnostic heretics who flourished in 12th-century France until the Inquisition and the Atbigensian Crusade (r)

3.30 King Neptune's Uttimatum.
Australian cartoon
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Men who pride themselves on trampling on others to get to the top

4.30 Countdown. Game show
5.30 Children from Many Countries.
You Want a Coconut? How rich holidaymakers have disrupted the everyday life of the children of Unawatune village in Sri Lanka (r)
5.30 Country Ways. Selsey in January. (Oracle)

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6.00 Stamp of Greatness. Sir Arthur
Conan Doyle: The Man Who Was
Sherlock Holmes. First of a series
of profiles about six Scottish

personalities who have appeared on foreign stamps (r)

6.30 A Different World. The Thing about Worlden. Jaleesa puts off a date with Walter to see her former

husband, and Wafter becomes jealous (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Oracle)
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Sinbad tries to warn

Caroline off James (Oracle)
8.30 Dispatches. Topical Issues
9.15 Film: Stevie (1978), starring
Genda Jackson, Mona Washbourne
and Trevor Howard. Vivid account

of the claustrophobic world of poetess Stevie Smith. Directed by Robert Enders

11.10 Signals. Only Joking. A look at the American trend towards "hot to shock" humour, described by the New York Times as "the comedy of

12_10am Halfway to Paradise. The last in the present series includes music from 5 Guys Named Mo, country star Randy Travis, and the first television appearance of the cult Scottish band Blue Nile. The programme also features cornedy from Bruce Morton and filmed

portraits of the five era, and the biggest hen party in Glasgow

1.10 Johnny Staccato. Double Feature / The List of Death (b/w). In the first story, a double of Staccato is involved in a murder. In the second a bursted criminal the second, a hunted criminal returns from Europe and contacts Staccato, Ends at 2.10

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Away 7.00 Nusch'r 7.06 Cursai 7.30 Corosation Street
4.00 Champions 6.30 Friesz Frame 9.00 Golden Girls
9.30 Thirty Something 10.30 News 10.80 Nighthawks
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10.00 Harvest of Hate: A lawyer and a geologist are held prisoner by Arab terrorists 11.30 Angel Heart (1987): Supernatural detective thriller, starring Mickey Rourke as a down-at-heel private eye taking a case for Louis Cypher (Robert De Niro) 1.30am Angel (1984): Story of a schoolgist's life on Hollywood Boulevard 4.00 Up the Creek (1984): Comedy, following the progress of a college raft race. Ends at 5.30am

EUROSPORT

5.00am World Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat Show 8.30 Menu 9.00 Eurosport — Show 8.30 Menu 9.00 Eurosport — What A Yeari 10.00 Lissabon Football Tournament 11.00 Volleyball: Women's World Cup Gala 12.00 Table Termis: Stiga Grand Prix Finals 1.00pm WWF Superstars of Wrestling 2.00 Best of the Year — Tennis: Lendi v McEnroe 3.00 Football 5.00 Funboard Special 5.30 Tennis Legends 6.00 Trans World Sport 7.00 Table Tennis 8.00 Volleyball: Men's World Cup Gala 9.00 Lissabon Football Tournament 10.00 Paris-Dakar Rally 10.15 World Cup Football 11.15 Havoc 9 12.15em Paris-Dakar Rally

5.30am Club MTV 6.00 Kristiane Backer 10.30 At the Movies 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Kristiane Becker 1.00pm Marcel Vanthilt 4.00 3 from 1 4.15 Marcel Vanthill 5.00 Remote Control 5.30 Club MTV 6.00 Ray Cokes 8.00 At the Movies 8.30 US Top 20 10.00 Maiken Wexo 1.00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Boxing 8.30 American Basketball 10.00 US College Basketball 11.30 fcs Skating 12.15pm Ics Hockey 2.15 US College Prophell 4.15 Sparich Soccer \$.00 French Rugby League 7.30 NFL American Football 9.30 Golf 11.00 Boxing 12.30em Indoor Climbing

LIFESTYLE

10.00ata Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.25 Fashion Style 10.35 Wok with Yan 11.00 The Edge of Night 11.35 The Great American Gameshows 12.50pm What's New 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Skyways
2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05
Teabreak 3.15 The Detectives 4.05 Jack
Thompson Down Under 4.35 Litestyle
Plus 4.45 The Great American Gameshows

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

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FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30ser until 6.00pen, then at 7.30, 6.30, 10.00pen 5.00en Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Atternoon 5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodler 7.30 This is Your Radio 1 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00pm Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

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News on the hour
Headlines 5.30mm, 6.30,
7.30, 8.30
4.00mm Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Steart 7.30 Derek Jameson
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.60 Jimmy
Young 1,05pm David Jacobs 2.60
Gloris Hunniford 3.30 Adrien Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.09 Folk on 2 8.30 Latin Quarter (new series) 9.00 Listen to the Band series) 9.00 Listen to the Bend 10.00 Uncle Mort's North Country 10.18 Jake Theckery sings a selection of songs 10.30 Thanks for the Memory 11.00 Round Midnight 1.00 am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert:
Tchalkovsky (Marche Slav:
St Louis SO under Slatkin);
Ravei (Valses nobles et sentimentales: Cincinnati SO under Jesus Lopez-7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont):

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Debussy (Jesus: Rotterdam

PO under Conlon); Chebrier
(Air de belief: Annie D'Arco,
plano); Mozart (Divertimento
for 10 wind instruments, K

186: Winds of the Berlin

PO); Copland (Ballet Suita,
Rodec: Atlanta SO under Louis Lane)

Louis Lane)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
J.S. Bach. Concerto for two
violins in D minor, BWV
1043 (La Petite Bande, with
Sigisweld Kuilken and Lucy
Van Dael, violins); Prefuce
and Fugue in E minor, BWV
548 (Marie-Claire Alain,
organ); Toccata in E minor,
BWV 914 (Gustav
Leonhardt, harpsichord); dt, harpsichord); Leonhardt, harpsichorog Concerto for two harpsichords in C, BWV 1061 (Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Ton

Orchestra under Ton
Koopman, harpsichord)

9.38 Hugh Tinney: The piemist
performs Soler (Three
Sonatas: No 84 in D; No 87
in G minor; No 88 in D flat);
Albéniz (La vega); Liszt
(Hungarian Rhapsody No 9
in E flat "Pester Carneval")

10.18 Mendelssohn and Dvořáko
The Wind Soloists of the CO The Wind Scholats of the CO of Europe perform of Europe periorm
Mendelssohm (Concert
Piece No 2, Op 114); Dvořák
(Slavonic Dances: Óp 72 No
9 in B; Op 46 No 8 in G
minor; Serenade, Op 44) (r)
11.00 Midwelk Choice with Susan

Sharpe. Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D minor: Orpheus CO): Chausson (Poème, Op 25: LPO under Oldo Kamu): Handel (Mortals Think That Time is Sleeping "The Triumph and Truth": London Handel Orchestra under Denys Darlow, with tenor): Vaughan Williams (Full Fathom Five "Three Shakespoors Sonne", "A (Full Fathorn Five "Three Shakaspeare Songs": Choir of King's College, Cambridge, under Willcocks; Sarenede to Music: Original Soloists, BBC SO under Henry Wood!: Stravinsky (Agon: Los Angeles Festival SO under the composer); Mailer (Des Knaben Wunderhorn, Nos 1-8: LPO under Wyn Morris, with Janet Baker, contrabo, Geraint Evens, baritons)

1.00ppa News
1.05 Concert Hait: Live from the BBC Concert Hall, London, Susan Kessler, mezzo, Roger Vignoles, plano, perform Jensen (Mein Herz ist in Hochland); Schubert (Lied der Anne Lyle Ellens Zuelber (Assand); Zweiter Gesang); J. Zumsteeg (Maria Stuart); Schumann (Gedichte der Königin Maria Stuart); Franz (Für einen; O seh' ich auf der Heider dort); Schumenn (Die Hochländer-Wibre; Mark unsith Prehame

(Die Hochländer-Witwe; Weit, weit; Brahms (Murrays Ermordung); John Maxwell Geddes (Seven Scots Songs)

2.00 Record Review (r)

3.10 Vintage Years: Jean Martinon conducts Oftenbach (Overture, Barbe-Bieue); Françaix (Concertino: London Philitermonic Orchestra, with Kathleen Long, plano); Falla (Ritual Fire Dance "El amor brujo": Lamoureux amor brujo": Lamoureux Orchestra); Ravel (Beauty and the Beast "Ma mère Poye": Chicago Symphony Orchestra); Debussy (Première rapsodie); Roussel (Petité suita, Op 39: French National Radio Orchestra, with Guy

Dangsin, ctarinet)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge
5.00 The Folk-Song Virtuoso:
A.L. Lloyd's selection of world-wide field-recordings 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with

Rodney Stationd 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear with Robert Hawison 7.30 Orchestra of the 18th Century under Frans Bruggen performs Mozart (Overture, The Marriage of Figaro; Symphony No 38
"Prague"); Beethoven
(Symphony No 2 in D)
8.45 Four "Dreadful" Tales, by
Anton Chekhov. 4: The Cobbler and the Devil.
Translated by Constance
Gernett and read by Alec
McCowen

> (Chansons hébraïqués); Berio (Requies — reviseo Mahier, arr Berio (Five songs). 19,15 Spectrum: With Colin Tudge, Dr Cliff Jones and Dr Martin Thomas 11.00 Composers of the Week: Berlioz (r) 12.00 News

een Close

9.00 Beno conducts the London

Sintonietta, led by Nona Liddell, with Aldo Bennici,

viola, Thomas Hampson, baritone. Berio (Voci); Ravel

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.53am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Faming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, with Sue MacGregor and Brian Redhead, inc 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 6.36, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.35, 7.35 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves 10.00 (s) Ne

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question
Time from Swansea (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The
Prescription, by Penelope
Pitzgerald. Read by John
Moffatt (r)
10.45 Daily Service: From Atlantic
College, St Donar's. Led by
Chris Morgan (s)
11.00 News; The Wednesday
Fasture: Geroritiss. Part 1:
Unfinished Business.
Starring Michael Hordern as
Sir Edward Egar, Rosalle
Crutchiey as Magdalens von
Pussels, Rosalind Ayres as
Molly Air and Maurica
Derham as the Rev Miles
Moss (see Choice)

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11.47 One Night at the Opera: Derek Jameson shares his love of opera with Monty Haltrocht
12.00 News; You and Yours with
John Howard
12.25pm Out of Order: Patrick
Harman chairs a lightheanted political quiz. The
two teams are captained by
MPs Austin Mitchell and
Julian Critchley (s) 12.65
Weather

1.99 The World at One with James Naughtle 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Includes Interviews with
actor Martin Shaw, whose
latest film is Ladder of Swords: and Clare Middleton, director of the Book Marketing Council; and a feature on private

tostering 3.00 News; The Warm-Up Marc Street Gooks A comedy by Simon Booker. With Michael Williams as Charlie Bell (s) 3.47 Time For Verse: George MacBeth interviews poet Peter Porter about his life and poetry. The second of five programmes, recorded at the Salisbury Festival (s) 4.05 File On 4 with reporter

Heien Boaden (f)

4.46 Kaleidoscope Extra: Paul Allen discusses the English language with, amongst others, Hermione Lee, Robert Burchfield, Marina Warner and Enoch Powell, besed on the book.

based on the book, State of based on the book, State of the Language, by Christopher Ricks and Leonard Michaels (a) 5.00 PM with Francas Coverdale and Hugh Syles 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financia

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6.30 Screenplay: lain Johnstone hosts the celebrity movie panel game. With Dick Vosburgh, Maurice Denham, Angela Douglas and Robin Ray (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts with John Waita
7.45 Medicine Now with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Classes Apart (new series): Traces the comparative lives and fortunes of three families (r)

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8.46 Shakespeare at the RSC (new series): Artists involved in the recent successful production of The Tempest talk about the project. Compiled and presented by I inche

presented by Linda
Cookson

9.15 Keleidoscope: Presented b
Natalia Wheen, includes
reviews of Marguerita
Duras's book Practicalities;
Scanae Form on Technicalities Scenes From an Execution at the Almeida Theatre, Rosalie Goes Shopping and American Stories (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather 19.90 The World Tonight with

Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Lady Chatterley's Lover, by D.H. Lawrence (6 of 15) 11.00 Sweet and Low-Dow 2: Who Wants to Fall in Love? Robert Cushman with a six-part personal view of New York, cabaret and

American popular song (s)
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(RADIO CHOICE)

AVLIVIOUS

Peter Davalle

 Little more than an extended footnote in most biographies I have read, Elgar's voyage to Brazil in 1923 and his journey up the Amazon were sufficiently fictionalized for Gerontius to win James Hamilton-Paterson a 1989 Whitbread award. His adaptation of Gerontius, starting on Radio 4 at 11.00am, reverses the expansion process though, with a total running



Michael Hordern: plays Sir Edward Elgar (R4, 11.00am) time of 90 minutes, I wouldn't

say it has gone back to a footnote again. In episode one, Hamilton-Paterson restricts Elgar's self-identification with Gerontius to the few lines that repeat Elear's refutation of the view that the oratorio is an expression of religious faith. The fact that Elgar saw the work purely as a spur to the imagination, has clearly been seized on by Hamilton-Paterson in fashioning his highly imaginative version of the liberating effect the Brazilian odyssey had on the celebrated widower (Michael Hordern plays him to perfection). Weary of a musical establishment that he believes cares for nothing but Shoenberg and Stravinsky or the folksiness of Vaughan Williams, Elgar is prickly enough to growl "Primordial

physics!" when asked to ad-

mire the antics of flying fish.

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than the daytime price.

By Kerry Gill

More than 300 North Sea oil industry workers were evacuated last night in winds up to Force 12 after two anchor cables snapped on their accommodation vessel 135 miles north east of Shetland.

Nine helicopters took the men to safety when it was feared the Safe Gothia accommodation vessel might run adrift, endangering other in-stallations in the Brent Field.

Early yesterday, after a cable to one of the eight anchor moorings was found to have parted, the covered bridge connecting the Safe Gothia to the Brent Charlie platform was automatically closed and

Later a second mooring cable was found to have snapped, and with the threat of the vessel dragging its remaining six anchors, the Safe Gothia was towed 100 metres away from Brent Charlie, a concrete platform installed in June, 1978. With seas running up to 30

ft the helicopters took 150 men, mainly maintenance workers, to the Safe Supporter accommodation rig further south of Brent Charlie.

Another 160 were flown to Sumburgh on Shetland leaving 75 essential personnel manning the Safe Gothia. An investigation into the incident will begin today.

Robber's plea

Los Angeles (AP) - Edward Hunt, the son of a former Delaware prosecutor gambled away \$651,000 (£395,000) stolen in a Philadelphia armed robbery and now wants to surrender, it was reported.

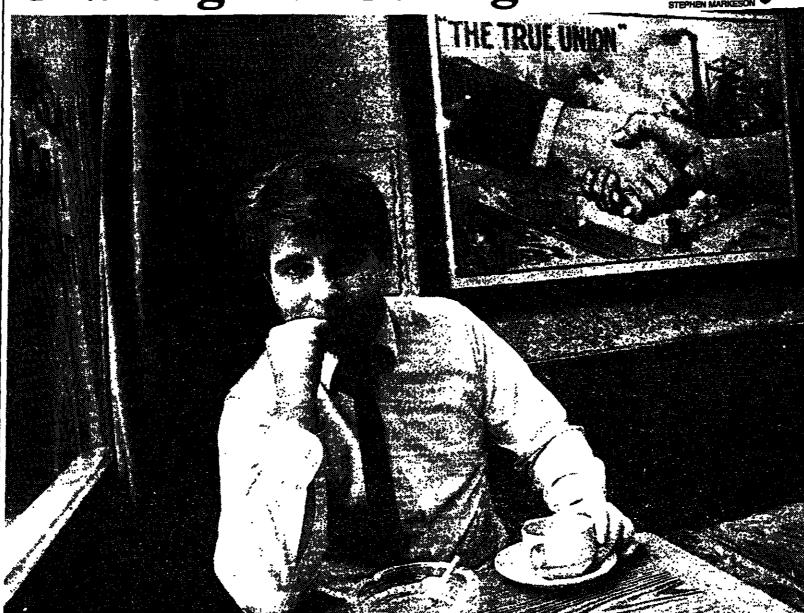
Classic failure

Vatican City (Renter) - A men studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood were inadequately prepared because they did not know Latin and

Discos curbed

Seoul (Reuter) - South Korean police are cracking down on bars and discos open after midnight, strictly enforcing a new law designed to curb

300 oil Challenge for Courage on Fridays



Closing time? Social violence and increased working hours may force Mr Rooney to shut his pub each Friday in a campaign for better working conditions. By Michael Horsnell

Mr Chris Rooney was relieved that be held an orange belt in the Japanese martial art of aikido when he took over The Harrington public house in west

He has needed his self-defence skills to restrain customers since he became manager of the Courage public house in Gloucester Road 18

Now, however, the late-Victorian pub, whose licence was threatened by cannabis smokers as well as fighters, has acquired a less combative Increasing social violence is one

reason why more than 200 Courage public house managers in London and the Home Counties are to close their doors every Friday in a campaign for better pay and conditions. Another is that all-day opening has increased their working week by about 15 hours. In a postal ballot, the brewery's managers have rejected pay increases ranging from 7.3 per cent to 8.5 per iding on tarnover,

Out of 205 voting forms 143 were completed, with 98 votes for industrial action, although the decision to close on Fridays awaits ratification today by the national executive committee of the National Association of Licensed House Managers (NALHM).

The managers, whose salaries are about £11,000, want a 12.5 per cent increase to compensate for the additional pressures of the job.

Mr Rooney, aged 30, the popular and efficient governor of The Harrington, said yesterday: "Closing the pubs every Friday is a bit of a daunting step to take and a lot of managers are shaking with fear over 'will they, won't they, do it?

"There's always a better pub to move on to and you can't help but worry about industrial action affecting your next move - your career. We've put ourselves in the front line. District managers won't approve and they are the first people to tell the brewery what sort of person you are and what your attitude is. "But something had to be done to

compensate for the pressures of the job." Mr Rooney, who represents 20 pub nanagers in south-west London on the NALHM, earns a salary of £15,500 a year together with a company flat and £15 a week food allowance, for what

has become an 80 hour week.

On Fridays, chosen for industrial action because they are the days most money is taken, he has increased turnover to £2,500.

The NALHM suspects that the brewers may use relief managers to keep managed houses open.

It plans a meeting with Courage before January 19, when the one day closures are to start.

Mr Rooney believes the rigmarole of stock-taking by a company repre-sentative before keys can be handed over to a relief manager will prevent

Courage substituting for managers on

The long hours and potential violence are not the only pressures on managers. Many have to contend with constant petty piliering by staff.

Discrepancies showing up at regu-lar cash and stock checks as well as unannounced ones from company stock takers may result in dismissal of the manager.

Courage said relief managers may be available to run the pubs on Fridays; the brewery had not yet worked out its response. "A vote is a vote of course," he said, "but 63 per cent either did not vote or voted against the motion. We are disappointed that a fair and reasonable offer has been rejected." Courage owns 5,000 pubs in England and Wales; only 400 are managed. The 200 managers in the

brewery's western region have settled for rises similar to those turned down by their colleagues in the east.

Political sketch

Too early for new year revolutions

place, yesterday, to question the Prime Minister. It had not been his preference. A in the offing and the Oppo-sition Leader must have been my hon friend (Mr Clark) said," it was "very important that we do not change any. disappointed when the Soviet Leader (pleading "problems at home") called it all off.

Some, perhaps, may share Mr Gorbachov's rejuctance to spend time with Mr Kinnock: but surely to justify it by arranging for the dis-integration of the entire USSR was an emotional over-reaction, and too hasty? To lose Lithuania as an excuse for avoiding Kinnock may be regarded as a qualified misfortune. But to lose Nakhichevan, Georgia, Armenia, Moldavia, and Azerbaijan too, sounds like

Besides, after the uproar to which the Chamber was reduced yesterday, a weekend's rioting in Azerbaijan would have made a relaxing break. It started quietly, with Defence Questions.

In politics, when any great change has shaken the fortunes of nations, the first sign is a chorus of wise voices advising that it is too early to say that anything has happened. It was too early to say, junior minister Archie Hamilton told Labour's Mersey firebrand, Terry Fields, that the enemy had changed. "Who are the enemy?"

shouted Fields. "You" shouted Tory

Was it not, asked Sir Alan Glyn (C, Windsor & Maidenhead), too early to say that defences could be lowered? Tom King, the Secretary of State, thought it was indeed far too early to say.

It was less obvious what Alan Clark thought. This minister appears to lack net? Asked by Kenneth Hind again. (C, W Lancs) whether it was not too early to say (etc) Mr Clark's dry murmur was that there were such long "leads might be".

His boss, Mr King, backed

Mr Neil Kinnock was in his him up - or meant to Asked place, yesterday, to question by William Powell (C, Corby) whether it was not too early (etc) King replied that, "as that we do not change any thing until we are absolute

That is not what Mr Clark said. Not at all. But Chil. superiors don't understand the half of what he says.

Cyril Townsend (C. Bezieyheath) and Menzies Campbell (Lib Dem, Fife NE) are readily intelligible so ministers ignored them. Both questioned the future of short-range nuclear missiles. "Policy remains unchanged" was the answer.

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To watch the ship of state executing a change in course is an awsome spectacle. Fina the depths of the vessel hells can be heard ringing, voices relay messages, morse-code machines tap furiously, and great wheels are swing. But nothing seems to happen

The ship ploughs on.
Only later, and very slowly, do the stars begin to spin on their axes, and the passen realize that they are no longer going where they thought Britain, then, still believes in

'flexible response". For now.

Flexible response was what Sir Geoffrey Howe lacked later, when he led his troops up the hill against Dale Campbell Savours (Lab. Workington) who had been misbehaving in committee; then, after anarchic scenes in the Chamber, led them down.

The Chairman of Standing Committee E. Dame Jane Fookes (C. Plymouth Drake) had risen to complain. Dame Janet is a woman of such dignity that, when complaining, she adopts the air of a lady who has been touchedup in a railway carriage by pomposity. How, one won-ders, did he slip through the Savours promised not to do it some undesirable. Campbe

Some chance! This man is to Neil Kinnock what Lithusnia is to Mikhail Gorbachev. The Labour Leader glanced and lags" between ordering more than once around himnew weapons, and getting at a range of highly indepen-them, that there was ab- dent Socialist (if not Soviet) solutely no danger of any-thing changing "whatever a it, Mr Gorbachov missed minister's private intentions some good advice this week.

Matthew Parris

No return for the little lion

Continued from page 1 are found of salmonella."

British egg producers are considering bring back the lion symbol as part of their Spring promotion campaign. But, they complain, under EC rules there is nothing to stop importers stamping egg boxes with identical symbols. The

import ban or delays at ports pending test results as "counterproductive" and an unjustified interference in trade.

Dr David Clark, the Opposition's chief agriculture spokesman, backed the committee's proposal for marking British eggs but called for

select committee rejects calls action against imports.

of research into mad cow disease was announced yesterday by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Nicholas Wood writes).

House of Commons agriculture committee 1st report: Salmonella in eggs — a progress report. (Stationery Office, £6.20.)

Row in Commons | BBC censors Radio 3 report

Campbell-Sayours' remarks to

say that the Speaker should not allow him to make them. Mr Forsyth later dismissed the claims in a statement as "mischievous smear tactics". He challenged the Labour MP have given more protection to to repeat them outside the the authority of the House. Conservatives be-committee chairman who had lieved that Mr Campbell- prevented him doing so.

Savours, denied TV coverage | Continued from page 1 nesum committee because the cameras were elsewhere, had used his opportunity to exploit the presence of the Commons cameras and felt that the Speaker should

firmed he was so incensed by and undermined everything answer viewers' questions live the on nal nmeramme when he saw it last Wednesday that

on BBC1 tomorrow night as the final part of this year's See For Yourself exercise.

Mr Drummond, controller of Radio 3 for the past twoand-a-half years, declined to comment in detail about the

dispute last night. However, colleagues con-

he threatened to resign if it was not changed.

"It did not take into account what Radio 3 is doing and it presented an extremely biased view of the network. It was very knocking and totally disgraceful. It was inaccurate

being done." an insider said. Mr Peter Weil, editor of See For Yourself, said: "As with any independent production, a BBC producer supervised See For Yourself. At a rough cut stage, the BBC started discussions with Chrysalis who were happy to accept changes we suggested then and later."

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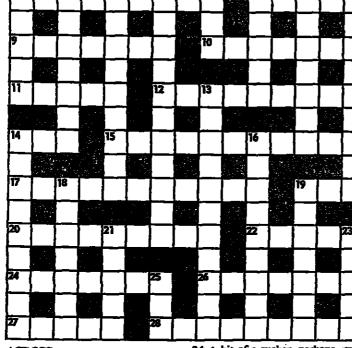
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,187



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1 Dispatch expedition pronto (4-

6 Humbugs higher in price some French wrapping (5). 9 Cover for opening pair? (3-4). 10 Gold band around a Corona (7).

11 University's investment in faculty rejected for work in Sanskrit (5).

12 Den of young animal near to cave (5-4). 14 Place to make us fit and well?

15 Dusk the time for the Babylon 17 Ball that breaks the chain? (5-6). 19 Average young salmon is tailless

20 Tom tries a change — he may have gnest, we hear (9). 22 Place of birth (5).

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26 Risk for many with defective

Records of music (5). He sounds the chime at the end of the line (9).

1 Advertisements for pants (5). Reported as a narrow constella-

This government chary, per-haps, after recent history of France (9). 4 Travel-pass for trusty pilot (4,7). Approximate delivery-time of letter from Greece (3).

Australian dislike of tumbledryer (5). 7 Pair love pine to make an extension (7).

8 A sign of copyright, say, in a ship's 4 (3-6). 13 See ball early? It is moving both ways (11). 14 Lakeside warbler silenced by withered habitat? (5-4).

16 Operatic spectacles set by Han-del, say (9). 18 Psalm or short prelude to it (7). 19 Mild case (7). 21 Going round Greek isle most of August (5).
23 Kind of cake always held in both

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25 Pitch of the roof (3).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

GENIZAH ASYMPTOTICAL a. Never quite meeting b. An irrational numbe

SILE a. To take back
b. A stone wall cros c. To rain heavily LIERNE a. The Burgs A rib in vaultie

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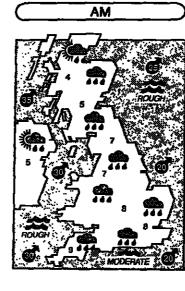
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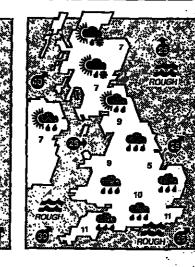
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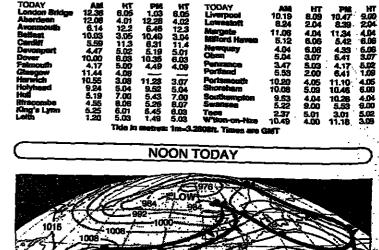


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Anglian to have talks with French

Anglian Water is to have talks in March with Compagnie Lyonnaise des Eaux, which bought 9 per cent of its shares just after the flotation. The talks will centre on joint ventures and co-operation.

Anglian would only be interested in projects that made use of Anglian's expertise and where there was genuine participation and collabo-ration. This could include solid-waste disposal, like the ventures set up by Saur, another French group.

Parkfield jump

Parkfield, the foundry and video distribution group, reports a 103 per cent rise in taxable profits to £13.9 million in the six months to October, on sales 27 per cent up at £168 million. Earnings were 79 per cent higher at 17.7n and the interim dividend goes up two-thirds to 5p. Tempus, page 26

STOCK MARKETS

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Page 29 Page 31 **MAIN PRICE CHANGES**

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) \$20.20 bbi (\$20.75) * Denotes latest trading price

Guerin makes reappearance in legal action

with its fellow investigators in

the US - including the US

attorney's office, the FBL the

defence department and cus-

toms - have known the

whereabouts of Mr Guerin all

the time and were confident

that he could be found at short

Mr Guerin, who appeared

Mr William Clark, Mr Gue-

relaxed and smiling yesterday,

refused to comment when he

Mr James Guerin, the Guerin's appearance to take million (£1.06 million) which elusive former deputy chairman of Ferranti

International, the de-frauded defence and electronics group, appeared at a Pennsylvanian lawyer's office yesterday to give evidence in camera during a severance pay dispute.

It is the first time Mr Guerin has been seen publicly since the British company revealed the extent of its problems in September. Mr Guerin was the founder

of ISC - the subsidiary of Ferranti at heart of the £215 million fraud - which merged with Ferranti in 1987.

He resigned from the board last May and sold his 32 notice. million shares in the company SOOR after.

There had been some peculation that the Serious entered the office. Fraud Office and US authorities might have taken the rin's former senior legal adviopportunity provided by Mr sor at ISC, is suing for \$1.75

further legal action. However, he claims is outstanding from SFO sources dismissed the a \$2.75 million employment contract.

Mr Guerin, three others and The money is deposited five companies have already with the court and unless Mr Guerin appeared he would been served with writs in an attempt to claim \$197 million forfeit the cash. (£119 million) of the lost cash.

Mr Guerin's lawyers had A spokesman for the SFO argued the questioning should be limited to the pay dispute said: "Inquiries are proceeding with all due diligence with and should not be allowed to the full co-operation of the explore matters under criminal investigation by British American authorities." and US authorities. It is believed the SFO, along

Mr Guerin is not only being investigated for his alleged role in the Ferranti fraud. US federal officials are believed to be looking at ISC sales of defence electronics to South Africa and other countries for possible violation of export

However, the judge accepted Mr Clark's case that all these matters were important because they related to his state of mind when he signed the contract.

Mr Guerin has contended that Mr Clark used extortion and coercion to obtain the severance deal, and that he broke a secrecy provision which rendered the deal void. Mr Clark denied extortion

a sound agreement to compensate him for unfulfilled inancial promises, Yesterday's proceedings at the offices of Mr Clark's lawyer allowed him to question Mr Guerin about the facts

behind his charges before Judge Georgelis.

Meanwhile, Thomson-CSF. the French group which is Ferranti's remaining suitor, will decide this week whether to make a full or partial offer for the British group.

However, it is unlikely a deal can be stitched up before take control of Mr Alan the company must give notice to shareholders that a £187 million rights issue will proceed to top up its capital.

Ferranti has also retained a firm of head-hunters to find not only a new chairman but also a chief executive. At the moment, both roles are filled by Sir Derek Alun-Jones. Sir Derek has, with the support of his board, resisted several calls for his resignation. Yesterday, Ferranti ended

3p higher at 35p, based on slim turnover.

A Reynolds portrait



Angela Mackay

The father of Texan investor Mr Jeff Reynolds yesterday Bond's troubled Bond

As the financial world searched for details of Mr Reynolds, aged 28, his father, Mr L. George Reynolds, said that he had a rich and powerful friend who was a member of the Saudi royal family. Mr Reynolds Senior said

his son had conducted many highly profitable business deals involving Muslim countries. "You know the Sultan of Brunei, they've done a lot of deals with him," he said from

He added: "I would guess stand by Mr Bond. that most of the help (for the The Victorian Supreme-

Court was told that Hongkong Bond deal) is going to originate either from people in Singapore or in Hong Kong." The proposed bid through and Shanghai Banking Corp bank syndicate which lent Mr Reynolds's Singapore-based California Pacific Interthan \$700 million to Corp Holdings Ltd's national Holdings and its US offshoot, Weatherby Invest-Australian breweries, opposed the move to appoint receiverments, has left financiers scratching around for details Bond Corp is fighting in court to overturn the appointment.

• Allied Breweries, maker of

But his father said you Mr Reynolds started as an entrepreneur when he was a teenager selling import rights for laxmry cars and made a fortune in European arbitrage deals. Meanwhile, an Australian

court yesterday heard how two

Mr Bond's Castlemaine XXXX and Swan Light lager brands in the UK under liceace confirmed it was still in

Bankers fix new deal on tunnel By John Bell, City Editor

Eurotunnel has been given a three-month breathing space and access to a further £250 million of funds by its bankers. The deal, hammered out in London yesterday, allows work on the cross-Channel link to continue while agreements on a further £1.2 billion of funds to complete the work are being finalized.

Eurotunnel's British cochairman, Mr Alastair Morton, imposed a news blackout on details of discussions with bankers at its London headquarters yesterday. But it is understood that the bankers left with details of a complex outline agreement between Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link, the 10-strong Anglo-French consortium of construction companies building the tunnel.

The two dozen bankers at yesterday's meeting will consuit the rest of the 208 banks involved in Eurotunnel's financing. Barring hitches, de-tails of the agreement will be released tomorrow.

Technically, Eurotunnel has been in breach of its loan agreements for some time, but has been allowed to draw down funds to let work continue through January. Yesterday's outline agreement paves the way for a financing package of loans and equity to cover cost over-runs that have been the source of dispute between Eurotunnel and TML since the middle of last year.

Eurotunnel shares leapt 20p to 683p on expectations that the funding problems are almost over. It appears likely that both

TML and Eurotunnel have been forced to make painful concessions in order to keep the project on track. And Eurotunnel's bankers are expected to drive a hard bargain over the terms of the additional loan finance, thought to be around £800 million.

Initial finance was provided at 14 per cent over base rate. Some analysts say that the spread for the next tranche of loans to compensate for extra risks after cost over-runs. The banks may press for renegotiation of the original loans as part of the price for rescuing the project.

They may also seek an early rights issue.

Eurotunnel has remained firm on its estimate, made last autumn, that an extra £1.2 billion of new finance would be sufficient to complete the project, raising the total cost to around £7.2 billion.

Pound gains further ground as mark and yen deteriorate

Back in the spotlight: James Guerin, right, arriving at a law office in Pennsylvania yesterday with lawyer Joseph Tate

The pound gained more ground against the leading world currencies yesterday as political jitters in Japan sent the yen tumbling, and the mark fell on profit-taking and comments from Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank

Buoyed by market expecta-tions that UK interest rates will stay high, and firmer oil prices of the past month, the pound climbed 2.3 pfennig to close at DM2.7804 and jumped nearly two yen to a 240.08 yen finish — its highest

for over two years. Despite the falling West German and Japanese currencies, which allowed the dollar to stage a comeback, the pound managed a small advance against the US unit to close at 1.6535. On its Bank of England trade-weighted index, sterling

YEN/£ ended 0.6 higher at 87.8,

foreign exchange markets an

point gain. In money markets, excuse for a bout of profit the benchmark three-month taking on the mark interbank lending rate was The dollar broke above the

psychologically important DM1.68 level and managed to Remarks from the Bundesbank president, which apend in Europe a pfennig higher the previous day, though an-alysts still anticipate the mark peared to rule out any early to show its teeth again soon. pean Monetary System par-ities, combined with fears that reform in East Germany might be slowing, to give

Herr Pöhl, speaking after a meeting of central bankers in the Swiss city of Basle, said a further realignment of the EMS after Italy's devaluation of the lira rate last Friday, was not on the agenda. Earlier, the Bank of Japan

stepped in to the Tokyo market to keep the dollar below 145 yen after weakness sparked by rumours of a renewed share-dealing scandal involving Japanese politicians. The Japanese central bank attempted to keep the dollar below 145 yen. However, in spite of intervention the yen fell to its lowest against the mark for six years.

Currency service for Abbey

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor

Abbey National, the building society which last year became a bank, has added a foreign currency service for its instant access account customers.

Any of the popular foreign currencies can be ordered through any branch by customers who hold instant access accounts such as the cheque account, Five Star or Saver account.

Abbey today launches a mortgage scheme for the 8,000 people it estimates will build their own homes during 1990. The loans are at the Abbey's standard rate of 14.5 per cen for mortgages up to £60,000 and 13.9 per cent above.

Abbey is to purchase the French mortgage company Ficofrance. The company, which has £400 million in mortgages on its books, is part of Group Maison Familiale and is likely to cost about £40

building on Monday's 0.2 Dismissal claims prompt complaint to Takeover Panel

Non-disclosure dispute in LI bid

As shareholders in Bear Brand meet today to approve its agreed all-shares offer to acquire Leisure Investments, the troubled healthcare-to-leisure group which owns Lingfield racecourse, a dispute has broken out over alleged nondisclosure of material facts in its offer

Mr Joseph Grunpeter, a former director of Aspinall Curzon, the casino group acquired late in 1988 with Mr Peter de Savary's LandLeisure, says he is suing LI for £600,000 for wrongful dismissal. Two claims by other former board members bring the total of outstanding claims to

almost £1.8 million. The company's broker says the claims are being strongly resisted and even if successful are not likely to result in material damages.

Mr Grunpeter has complained to the City Panel on Takeovers and Mergers that information on the claims is material to Leisure Investment's fortunes and should have been disclosed. Details of two other quite separate

legal actions involving LI are included in the offer document, one for the equivalent of £1.75 million. His complaint comes, he says, after

letters on the subject to the two companies were ignored. A spokesman for UBS-Phillips & Drew, LI's merchant bank, said the

context of the group and therefore are not required to be disclosed.

Even if the claims were successful, which is the subject of strong dispute, the measure of damages claimed is, in the view of the directors and their legal advisers, "excessive". Today is also the first closing date for

At last night's market close, shares in Leisre Investments were standing at 25p - 5p lower than the value of the threefor-one shares package on offer from Rear Brand.

There has been market speculation about a counter-bid from a British company's directors had taken the view property company, attracted by the value that the claims "are not material in the

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By Martin Waller

buyout at the Really Useful Group, the stock market vehicle of Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer, where Mr Robert Maxwell has a 14.5 per cent holding, could be published by the end of this

The directors announced their intention to take the company private in November but the silence since has their plans might have met a

However, Mr Robert Kretowicz, a director of Salomon Brothers International, the merchant bank advising buyout was "progressing slowly but surely." Neither he nor the company would comment on the delay. But it is understood a complicating factor was the Maxwell holding. The publisher is thought to have wanted to continue as an active partner of Mr Lloyd Webber once the company had gone private again but to have been opposed by the

Another complication was the departure of Mr Peter Jay, Mr Maxwell's former lieutenant who had been leading the regotiations, to the BBC.

Mr Kretowicz said: "I remain, as of this afternoon, optimistic. There's no particular sticking point."

TSB **'£60m'** for defaults

TSB is set to announce a £60 million provision against defaults from local authorities in preliminary figures tomorrow. TSB has one of the largest exposures to Hammersmith & Fulham Council, which is currently not honouring many

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-October are put at £180

Countryside code pays off

Countryside Properties' shares were up and running yesterday, despite the depression overhanging the property development and housebuilding market.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

But then Countryside has a reputation of growth to live up to, and vesterday aptly demonstrated that, having notched up its ninth successive year of profits growth, the management is now going for its tenth.

Pre-tax profits of £20.3 million for the year ended September 30, against £19.25 million, may well be the least impressive percentage im-provement Countryside has achieved in a number of years. And with a final dividend raised from 2.15p to 2.7p a share, making 4p (3.15p) for the year, Countryside remains Guinness Book of Records with a 9.22 times cover.

The asset backing also remains solid. The nimblefooted scaling down of residential development to concentrate heavily on commercial property speaks volumes for Countryside's ability to come through another diffi-

cult year.

Trading profits within the residential division fell by 34 per cent to £13.8 million, but were offset by a jump from £2.4 million to £11.1 million in trading profits from the

The number of houses built and handed over last year was 605, rather than the 750 forecast, of which 220 were owner occupied. This year, 600 house units are planned, with 800 a target number over the next four years.

Meanwhile, land bank buy-

ing opportunities abound and Countryside holds land with planning permission for 2,800 homes. There are also options on various sites for a further 6,500 homes, and a number of commercial developments are



only to the £20.6 million level. But in 1991 profits could challenge £23 million. At 219p, up 10p, the shares offer

a prospective p/e of 5.9. Buy now for the mid-1990s.

Anglian Water/ Welsh Water

Since flotation, the £1 partly an average 60 per cent, cutting the prospective dividend yield from a weighted average 8.55 per cent to 6.8 per cent.

average 25 per cent premium on the fully paid shares is accounted for by the rise in the share index since the sale terms were set. Ultra-safe pricing explains the rest. Welsh Water, which has a

unique permanent golden share, has kept up with the pack, rising a further 3p to 161p on yesterday's interim results. This suggests that the Profits growth could again flurry of French stake buying be slow this year, possibly and heightened eventual bid

Supplying little reason for market fizz: Anglian's Semple and Welsh Water's Elfed Jones prospects account for less than Anglian and Welsh - for the

10p in most cases. But there is fizz in the sector and the City is looking for something to justify it. Now that three of the 10 companies have reported since flotation. their somewhat academic interim results to end-September supply little.

Mr John Elfed Jones, chairman of Welsh, did his best with a renewed prediction that paid water shares have risen 15 per cent of Welsh Water's profits will come from outside the core business within 5

Mr Andrew Semple, An-About 16 points of the glian's managing director, was understandably more defen-sive in the face of the 9 per cent Lyounaise stake. Anglian has the longest period of built in growth from its investment programme of any authority and has consistently played down diversification.

But the City should not demand hyperactivity. The key to water shares is that the core business can generate steadily rising real dividends

year in the case of both

next decade. The companies still distance themselves from the projections leaked at the Labour Party conference but are now happy to accept them. Anglian's dividends could

take a little while to build up because 1990-91 earnings will be flat and initial cover is a below-average 2.3 times. Welsh should start faster out of the trap. Given that Welsh still yields an above-average 7.4 per cent (against Anglian's 6.8 per cent) and has bought in more engineering expertise, this may improve its relative

The bad news is that the risks of the much-expanded investment programmes are only just starting

Parkfield

Mr Roger Felber, Parkfield's executive chairman, is somewhat miffed at the new year press coverage of the best performing companies of the eighties. Parkfield had not been floated at the start of the decade and so was omitted from most league tables.

If the clock had started in

1983, the year he took the helm, he reckons Parkfield would have been top of the list. He has turned the then-struggling USM foundry group worth less than £300,000 into a company with a market capitalization approsching £300 million. This has mostly been due to an astonishing increase in Parkfield's share price, from the equivalent of 2p when he took over to 510p at present.

Mr Felber is also proud that this growth was not achieved by progressing to ever larger acquisitions - though there have been plenty of lesser ones. Parkfield aims to be a market leader in fields where most of its competitors are

After pulling out of distribution of electrical goods and plumbers' fittings, Parkfield's sales by the end of this year will split roughly evenly between engineering and entertainment. The former comprises the manufacture of aluminium and steel vehicle wheels, vehicle chassis and heavy castings. The latter takes in the distribution of pre-recorded videos and the assembly and installation of satellite dishes for Sky tele-

vision among others. The proof of such a financially driven pudding is in earnings growth. Having risen from 2p in 1984-85 to 34p last year, the 79 per cent rise to 17.7p in the six months to October, on doubled profits of £13.9 million before tax, was not exceptional by Parkfield's

Analysts are expecting £33.5 million before tax in the full year and earnings of 431/2p, implying a prospective p/e ratio of 12. That is not excessive given the record, but the perennial concern with conglomerates is whether the

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Extra 150m barrels in Ninian oilfield

Oryx Energy reports that its largest oilfield, the Chevron-operated Ninian field 100 miles from Shetland, is now thought to contain up to 150 million more barrels of

Ninian has produced 850 million barrels of all from 71 wells and it is now thought eventual production could be more than 1,2 billion barrels. Chevron operates the field but Oryx is the biggest shareholder with 21.4 per cent. Enterprise Oil has 18.5 per cent, Lasmo 17.3 per cent, Chevron 17.1 per cent, Ranger Oil 11.5 per cent, Murphy Oil 7.1 per cent and Ocean

Steetley buys BP to sell oil

Steetley, the building materials group, has bought two aggregates and ready-mixed concrete busin Madrid. The total price is believed to be about £10 million. The two, Aritesa at Guadalajara and Aridos y Hormigones Castilla at Salamanca, boost both aggregates and concrete prod-action of Steetley's Spanish operations by about 10 per

Spanish firms licence stakes

BP Exploration has agreed to sell part of its interesticion two onshore oil licences in the south of England to Edinburgh Oil & Gas. Edinbergh is acquiring a 7.5 per 116b, where the Him Grove field and Herriard, its satellite, produce 100 barrels of oil per day. It has also bought 10 per cent of PL 211 where the Horndean field produces 150 bpd.

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Drax job lifts Howden Howden Group, the engineer, boosted by a £20 million Drax power station order, enjoyed a 32 per cent rise in pre-tax

profits to £7.07 million in its half year to October. Mr Johnny Johnsen, chairman, said that the order wan by Howden Strocco for booster fans and heaters for the fine gas desulphurization programme at Drax Power Station. Yorkshire, was a welcome sign of an upturn in the UK power neration equipment business. Taking in tunnel boring and defence interests, group turnover improved by more than £30 million to £126 million. The interim dividend rises 12 per cent to 1.59p. Earnings per share grew by a fifth to 4.9p.

Hawtin slips

Hawtin, the Cardiff distribution and property company, saw pre-tax profits slip from £1.3 million to £1.15 million in the year to end-September, on turnover reduced from £24.1 million to £22.8 million. Earnings per share fall from 1.51p to 1.15p. dividend of 0.75p compares with 0.5p last time, payable April 6. The shares lost Ip to 251/2p.

Barlo slumps into the red

Barlo, the Irish heating group, has been hit by the mild weather and reports a pre-tax loss of Ir£1.2 million (£1.15 million) for the six months to September against a Ir£704,000 profit. No interim dividend will be paid (1.25p) and Mr Aidan Barow, the chairman, expects. iosses to reach ir£2 million by the end of the correct year. The loss per share was 3.62p (1.81p eps).

WELSH WATER PLC

Results for the half year to 30th September 1989

Chairman's Statement

I am pleased to report a pre-tax profit on ordinary activities of \$18.4 million on a turnover of £128.9 million for the six months ended 30th September 1989. Subject to no unforeseen circumstances arising we are well on target to achieve the full year profit forecast of £35.5 million for the year to 31st March 1990, before taxation and extraordinary items, and to recommend a single dividend, payable in October 1990, of 11.17p per Ordinary Share. No interim dividend is proposed for the six months to 30th September 1989.

This period has seen major changes in the water industry. In July 1989 the Water Act 1989 received Royal Assent, and on 1st September 1989 the functions of the Welsh Water Authority relating to water supply and sewerage services were transferred to Dŵr Cymru Cyfyngedig, a wholly owned subsidiary

On 22nd November 1989 shares in Welsh Water PLC were offered for sale by the Secretary of State for Wales and I would extend a very warm welcome to those who have become shareholders in the Company.

I believe that we are well prepared for the opportunities offered by the private sector and that Welsh Water PLC will succeed through strong and effective management of the water supply and sewerage services business allied to a strategy of related diversification through organic growth.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Welsh Water's employees. Their unfailing commitment and enthusiasm in the period leading up to flotation enables us all to look forward to the future with

John Elfed Jones, CBE, DL Chairman

No	30th September 198 Notes 5		BASIS OF PREPARATION The Group results, which are unaudited, for	
TURNOVER	2_	128.9	the six months ended 30th September 1989 for Welsh Water PLC have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in	
OPERATING PROFIT Other Income		43.5 0.3	the prospectus dated 22nd November 1969 containing Listing Particulars of Weish Water PL and are consistent with the accounting policie adopted for the year ended 31st March 1969.	
Profit Before Interest Net Interest Payable		43.8 (25.4)	Results for the six months ended 30th September 1988 have not been presented. The Directors believe that comparison with this prior period	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE AND AFTER TAXATION Extraordinary Items	5 4	18.4 (3.4)	would not be meaningful in view of changes during the current year in capital structure and regulation and other costs associated with the Company's new status as a listed plc. The financial information contained in this	
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS		15.0	interim statement does not amount to full accounts within the meaning of Section 254 of the Companies Act 1985.	

UNAUDITED GROUP RESULTS FOR THE SIX

Pro forma earnings per Ordinary Share Pro forms earnings per Ordinary Share has been calculated by dividing pro forms profit on ordinary activities after taxation by the [44.] million Ordinary Shares in issue since 20th November 1989. Pro forms profit on ordinary activities after taxation has been calculated by making an adjustment to interest of \$42.0 million on a bass that the new capital structure had been in place since 1st April 1989 and by including the pro forms taxation charge of \$5.3 million (note 5).

Actual earnings per Ordinary Share has not been presented as the number of shares in issue during the six months ended 30th September 1989 and the actual profits for that period are not considered to be representative of the group's position follows:

EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS Extraordinary items comprise priva

TAXATION Prior to vesting on 1st September 1989, Welsh Water Authority was exempt from UK income, corporation and cap taxes on all income and chargeable gains. Until such time as a liability to mainstream corporation tax or deferred tax arises, it expected that the only tax charge to the profit and loss account will be the write off of irrecoverable advance corporation tax. In computing proforms earnings, the proforms taxation charge has been derived by applying the estimated effective rate of tax as a proportion of profits for the year ending 31st March 1990 (based on the proforms forecast contained in the prospectus) to the interm results.



WELSH WATER

Kunick aiming to expand after profits climb 67%

healthcare group, expects to year. add £1 million to pre-tax Mr Russell Smith, Kunick's

profits this year as the result of chairman, says that the the gambling stake on fruit machines doubling to 20p this The company, which has 42,000 juke boxes and fruit machines, saw pre-tax profits jump 67 per cent to £8.5 million for the year to September on turnover up 41 per cent at £57.6 million. Earnings per

is up 29 per cent at 1.8p. Kunick shares on the USM rose 2p to 65p, close to their high for the last 12 months.

share rose 41 per cent to 4.9p,

and the dividend for the year

All divisions increased profits with care services, the group's nursing homes, hospitals and home care division, increasing profits by 100 per cent to £1.96 million. The company has 592 nursing home beds and expects to



Smith: outgrowing USM

year to buy two more disco-

Mr Gilly, speaking from

Australia, said that he had

been at business school with

Mr Oppenheim and that he

was looking at the investment

as "long-term with above-

He said that Fairgill had

Northern-based Whitegate

was described as "a recession-

proof business with good mar-

gins" by Girozentrale Gilbert Eliot, the broker.

Whitegate, which was listed 14 months ago, is expected to

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> group's compact disc jukebox and the York Dungeon, inalready has a 40 per cent creased profits by 20 per cent market share. He expects the to £1.21 million despite the new 20p stake fruit machines hot summer and the train more than £2 million to strike both of which had an profits in a full year. This adverse effect on business. A year's extra contribution will record 530,000 people visited the London Dungeon last year, and the group is planning to open a Paris Dungeon, detailing the gorier aspects of French history, this year. A Paris Rock 'n' Roll Hall of

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The group intends to apply for a full listing this year, but it will not issue more shares. Mr Smith said that institutional shareholders had suggested that the group had outgrown the USM. It is offering its 7 per cent preference shareholders the same terms as its 84 per cent preference shareholders. | City takeover rules.

Fame will open in 1991.

AMI stake talks 'at early stage' By Michael Tate

Negotiations over the sale of

the controlling 65 per cent stake in AMI Healthcare, Britain's largest private health group, are "still in the early stages," Mr Richard Gill-eland, chairman, told shareholders at yesterday's annual ieetins

"The disposal process has begun and a number of parties have expressed interest in acquiring the shareholding, he confirmed, but he could give no indication as to when the sale might take place. American International put

its stake in the quoted £250 million British offshoot on the market last summer. A number of approaches had been reported from Britain, the Continent and North America by last month's deadline for interested parties.

The sale will probably lead to a full bid for AMI under

Australians take 5% of Whitegate

By Angela Mackay which were issued late last

Fairgill Investments, a company associated with the Fairfax family of Australia, has taken a 5.3 per cent holding in Mr Nick Oppenheim's Third Market vehicle, Whitegate Leisure, the fast-growing tenpin bowling, discothèques and nursing homes group.

Whitegate's shares were compared with 381/2p a week earlier. It is capitalized at £57.8 million.

It is believed that Fairgill, a private company set up to invest outside Australia by Mr James Fairfax, the art collector and former chairman of the Fairfax media group, and Mr Edward Gilly, his half-brother, paid about £2.7 million for the bulk of the shares,

Inns group starts £16m pub project By Philip Pangalos

Northumbria Inns aims to acquire and develop more than 50 independent public England and North Yorkshire over the next two years in a

£16 million project.

Electra Investment Trust, one of the leading providers of development capital, has arranged equity finance of £3 million for Northumbria Inns through its Electra Kingsway

County NatWest Ventures and 3i will each add a further £1.5 million. An additional £10 million of mortgage finance will be provided by the brewery trade.

Bucknall Austin rises to £706,000

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surveyor, has bought Thorne surveyor, for up to £750,000 in UK construction activity this year.

Bucknall Austin revealed pre-tax profits up 37 per cent to £706,000 for its half year to October 1988, on turnover 61 per cent higher at £9.6 million.

But Mr David Bucknall, chairman, said: " the antici-pated slowdown in the construction market is now upon us. The Chancellor's Autumn Statement and other economic indicators lead us to believe that UK construction turnover will reduce by some 5 per cent this year." He added

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of £500,000 has been agreed, and this will rise to £750,000 depending on Thorne's performance in its current year to Bucknall Austin made profits of £578,000 from quantity

surveying, and £128,000 from its project management in-terests at its interim stage. There is an interim divi-dend of 1.3p, up from 1p, on

22 per cent increased earnings per share of 6.2p.

Apricot to restructure after bid

By Our City Staff

Apricot Computers, the Birmingham personal computer and services company, announced a new group structure after the completion of its agreed £12.7 million bid for ITL Information Technology. The enlarged group willfocus on the software and services and hardware di-

visions, in an attempt to lessen Apricot's dependence on hardware sales. Apricot has merged its soft-

ware and services interests with those of ITL under a separate division called ACT, consisting of five distinct companies, each with its own Sector.

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Pay buoyancy prompts rise in living standards

A continued rise in living living standards in the third since the first half of 1987. The have led to a deteriorating standards, slightly faster accumulation of savings and a sharp deterioration in the finances of companies are revealed by figures for the third quarter of last year. Wages and salaries contin-

ned to rise rapidly in the third quarter, growing 2.6 per cent after seasonal adjustment, according to the Central Statistical Office.

This was slightly faster than in the second quarter and shows pay packets rising at 11.2 per cent over the year. Other personal income also

previous quarters. Over the other countries. year, living standards - as measured by real personal disposable income – rose 5.6

strong rise in living standards, two previous quarters had people tended to save more and spend less as consumer confidence waned in the face of high interest rates.

The saving ratio - personal saving as a percentage of total personal disposable income - ing personal incomes. rose from 4.1 per cent in the

than in either of the two years and low compared with

However, the Treasury yesterday gave warning against reading too much into the modest improvement, noting In spite of the continued that both the figures for the been significantly revised since earlier estimates.

The figure has also been swollen by the switch to personal pensions which has the statistical effect of increas-

For companies, falling de-

quarter of 1.6 per cent, a rate of saving in Britain has financial situation. Profits of substantially larger increase been historically low for some industrial and commercial companies net of stock appreciation fell 1.6 per cent in the third quarter though they were slightly higher than a year earlier. The fall occurred in spite of a 7.7 per cent recovery in North Sea profits as output revived after recent accidents.

> On capital account, companies had a financial deficit of £6.46 billion — £3.6 billion in the previous quarter. After disinvestment in other companies at home and abroad the

net borrowing requirement for the sector was a record £23.62 The buoyancy of pay was second quarter to 5.5 per cent mand coupled with contin- billion, nearly twice that of the the main factor in a rise in in the third, its highest level uing sharp increases in costs previous quarter.

Britannia changing to Invesco

Britamia Arrow, Lord Stevens' fund management group, is changing its name to Invesce MIM, the titles of its two main subsidiaries, as the start of a £3 million name change throughout the group.

Lord Stevens also revealed the group is planning an as-sault on the Y60,000 billion (£252 billion) Japanese investment trust market, by apply-ing for one of first trust licences offered to foreigners.

Britannia's name change comes two months after it bought the remaining 55 per cent of Invesco, its US invest-ment subsidiary. Lord Stevens said it had been decided to underline the group's main management business. He also said the Britannia name had negative nationalistic connota-

The change will cost £300,000, most of it on advertising. But Britannia is looking at a reworking of all subsidiary titles, costing up to

Britannia, which manages funds of £25 billion, recently opened a Tokyo office and is keen to attract more Japanese investors. It wants a Japanese investment trust licence, to allow it to issue yen-denominated trusts. The group is thought to be in comp with other European and American houses. Results of formal applications are expected in the autumn.



Taking the title role: Lord Stevens announces Britannia's name change to Invesco yesterday

Fine Art threatens | Countryside rises

Fine Art Developments is on the Australian Stock Ex-threatening EFL Nederland change, and EFL has de-with a legal battle in order to manded the right to renegotion the Australian Stock Exclose the Aus\$30 million ate the deal price. The Dutch (£14.2 million) sale of Bell & company has won an exten-Howell, its Australian busision of the offer period, to ness, agreed with EFL last March 6, from the New South month.

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EFL agreed to buy Fine mission. Mr Chapman said it Art's 64 per cent stake in the seemed unlikely Fine Art greeting cards-to-mail order business for Aus\$30 million cash, at 54 cents a share, by January 5.

Mr Keith Chapman, chairman of Fine Art, said his company had already fulfilled the first phase of the deal by selling a 31.2 per cent holding to EFL on December 6.

But Bell & Howell shares legal remedies" if it did have since slipped to 49 cents receive the commitment.

action against EFL in gloomy market

aged to survive the worst effects of a depressed housing and property market in the year ended September. It says that now is a suitable time for it to buy land since it has traditionally made its best purchases when the housing market is less active.

would receive the first instal-Mr Alan Cherry, chairman, ment payment at the end of reported pre-tax profits of £20.3 million, against £19.25 million, for the group's ninth Fine Art has told EFL it wants a commitment from the successive year of profits company that it will fulfil the growth, even though turnover obligation to make its offer for slipped from £95.6 million to £88.8 million.

all the Bell & Howell shares Mr Cherry concedes that the Government's anti-inflation policy has temporarily slowed Countryside's progress, but this week. Fine Art said it would pursue "appropriate legal remedies" if it did not

Countryside Properties man- says there remains a considerable underlying need and demand for more, and better, "Countryside currently

owns, or has an interest in, land with planning permission for 2,800 new homes," he said. Mr Cherry added: "I believe that the housing market will move ahead again when mort-

gage interest rates fall, unleashing pent-up demand." The group says it was well served by partnership schemes with building societies and housing associations.

The final dividend rises from 2.15p to 2.7p, payable April 6, making 4p (3.15p). The shares rose 10p to 219p. Tempus, page 26

Doctor

on

Practical jokes in the City are not uncommon but only occa-sionally do they go badly wrong. Word reaches me, however, of one persistent and erroneons telephone caller, shortly before Christmas, who kept dialling the trading floor at Kleinwort Benson. The caller repeatedly asked if he was through to the doctor's surgery and asked to speak to a certain Dr Mortimer, Exasperated after countless denials, the KB man who kept answering the call eventually persuaded a colleague - institutional salesman Hilly (Hilton) Seely - to pose as Dr Mortimer, in the hope of clearing the line for genuine investment clients. A subsequent call was duly made to the trading floor and Seely was summoned. Without any further introduction, the caller promptly asked this so-called Dr Mortimer what he thought about a certain medical matter. The sophisticated Seely responded by shouting a sexually explicit word into the

receiver. The caller, somewhat

taken aback, quickly ter-

minated the conversation,

muttering something about

there being "some mistake." KB later received a terse complaint from Greater

London Radio that "Dr

Mortimer's" comments had

gone out live to a million listeners during a phone-in

programme. Seely, mean-

while, clearly enjoyed his mo-

one colleague proudly.



Jeffreys' tails of woe

Clearly not content with notching up the biggest car parking bill in the history of the City — £5,000 — Daniel

Left — £5,000 — Daniel

Left — £5,000 — Daniel Jeffreys, Citicorp Scringeour Vickers' new head of UK equity strategy and the former head of the BBC's economics and financial unit, is now, I hear, the proud possessor of one of the most expensive white tie morning suits on record. Hired from Lipman & Son, in London's Charing

the month, as agreed.

waistcoat, shirt and bow tie is, I'm told, still hanging in his closet. Estimated to be worth less than £300, the accrued hire charges now total more than £400. "If he brings it back and talks to the manager, we can probably come to an **ATTRO**

Squeaked in

The three newly refurbished office blocks inhabited by Extel, the financial and racing news service, within a stone's throw of Old Street round-



ment of stardom. "I've never "I thought it was a description been on radio before," he told of their chairman's face"

about on the edge of the Square Mile, have hitherto been assumed impenetrable to named Daniel Jeffreys - the anything but authorized human beings. "We've got security guards and cameras on of the questions from memevery entrance, we have to ory, and James managed to wear security passes complete find out the rest from cuttings with photographs and carry in his office," says a delighted electronic keys to open even Jourdan, who will now receive internal doors," confides one 2 case of champagne. "But it inmate. Staff there were thus took an awful lot of time -

individual had been nibbling who took part. at their sandwiches. And last . Jeffrey Archer, the millionted. . . a mouse was seen run- rags to riches route all too ning from the second floor well, is to be guest speaker at office of City editor Ken Clay. this year's USM Awards dinthere, we think it's made a Hotel on March 6. The 1,000 nest," quipped one employee. guests - most of them direc-• The power of prayer, or of tors of USM companies, plus advertising? Short of recruits, nuns in New York launched their own advertising campaign and they have been dated with calls.

Winning team Congratulations to James Murgatroyd, who works in Dean Witter's capital markets

division, and his girlfriend

Samantha Jourdan, a re-searcher with the British Market Research Bureau, who jointly entered The Times City Diary's Christmas Quiz. based on its contents during the past 12 months, and correctly answered all 20 questions. My commiserations to the other entrants, especially William Phillips from Teston, Kent, who described the quiz as "perfectly fiendish", and Richard Lockyer, from Bournemouth General Hospital. They both came within 2 whisker of winning. Phillips failed to answer fully the first question and Lockyer refinal question - "David". "We were able to answer some understandably surprised to several long afternoons during find that some unauthorized Christmas." My thanks to all

week the culprit was spot- aire novelist who knows the "There's so much paper in ner at the Grosvenor House their assorted broking, banking and PR advisers - will no doubt be hanging on his every

Carol Leonard

Accounts change may boost banks

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By Our City Staff

The British Bankers' Association is trying to standardize banking accounting practices in time for a threatened revolution in financial accounting law at the end of this year.

The BBA has published its first draft statement of accounting practice, called Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice (Sorp), which recommends how Britain's banks should treat securities investment in their balance sheets. This may add millions to

profits at Britain's clearing banks, since they will be allowed to show many of their share and gilt holdings at current prices, instead of historic values.

Two more are planned one on bad debts, the other on off-balance sheet products, like foreign exchange

The Sorps are the products of a two-and-a-half year debate on contentious issues in the banking world. The three committees producing the reports are an attempt by the BBA's 400 members to selfregulate their accounting

They are supported by the Treasury, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Bank of England.

The BBA is also using the Sorps to influence the DTI's forthcoming rules on accounting, which will radically alter the appearance of banking balance sheets from 1991.

The department's legisla tion is the result of the EC's bank accounting directive which aims to standardize accounting throughout the 12

In the first Sorp, the BBA recommends that banks should value securities at current cost, except for long-term investments which should be taken at historic value.

This effectively ends a debate between Britain's clearers which preferred the conservative historic approach and merchant banks, which mainly account on a current

The report could be heading for an immediate crisis, however, since the suggested standard may conflict with West German banking law and leave banks like Morgan Grenfell, now owned by Deutsche Bank, unable to reconcile between systems.

The Sorp on bad debts has also hit controversy, although

COMMENT David Brewerton

Devil of a time for the Morgan Grenfell story

Broad Street, in the heart of the City, has been doing a roaring trade in The Pride of Lucifer this week. The book is subtitled The Unauthorised Biography of a Merchant Bank, and tells a story of the rise of Morgan Grenfell, the offices of which are little more than 100 yards from the bookshop.

Morgan Grenfell, and a small group of highly motivated corporate finance executives, including the team that pulled off the acquisition of Distillers for Guinness, challenged the establishment, even the Bank of England, and for a while looked like winning. In the end, it all began to fall

The bank itself is unamused by the book, publication of which has been timed to coincide with the first of the Guinness trials, due to commence next month. According to the author, Dominic Hobson, "Morgan Grenfell have sought, through their solicitors, Slaughter & May, to prevent its publication".

This can hardly be surprising, since Hobson is a former employee of Morgan Grenfell who lost his job when the bank made the decision to close down the equities operations in 1988. "I left... both happy and generously compensated," admits Hobson, who claims he felt compelled to write the controversial tome for the sake of those whose lives and careers were changed irrevocably by the chain of events at Morgan. "It is them who

says Hobson. It will interest a wider audience, but the organization that it describes is already long gone. Most of the leading figures whose antics are chronicled by the former insider are long gone. The small, quality, London bank.

are owed this glimpse of the truth,"

he John Menzies bookshop in Old equities operations, which provided Hobson with his ringside seat, are closed. The corporate finance department, scene of the brainstorming sessions that created Storehouse, the Burton takeover of Debenhams and, of course, the winning of Distillers for Guinness, is a much quieter, more conventional place under the control of Guy Dawson, a man untainted by the problems of earlier successes and excesses.

But the next chapter could be equally interesting. The implications of the £1 billion takeover of Morgan by Deutsche Bank are only just sinking in to its competitors around the City. Deutsche Bank holds the strongest card in corporate Europe. Its shareholdings are legendary and its influence unparalleled. The deal, which even managed to give investors a 50p-a-share profit on the over-hyped flotation price in 1986, plugs Morgan into Europe in a big way.

The deal was closed as the Berlin Wall was opened, and although Deutsche Bank paid a breathtaking price, it could see the potential in bringing Morgan's deal-making ability to a Europe-wide audience. The next stage is likely to be a strengthening of the United States operations so as to bring in some of the "big hitters" able to attract the major transatlantic

corporate deals. Within a year or two, the bank described in Mr Hobson's book is likely to be unrecognizable as the bank which will emerge from beneath the vast financial wingspan of Deutsche Bank, And then, maybe, Morgan may find a place for *The Pride of Lucifer* in the boardroom bookcase. For without the events of late 1980s, Morgan might still have remained just another

Alan Bond plays for time eldom in corporate history has takeover of the Bond empire.

there been a more ridiculous idea there been a more indicated than the notion of innocent Jeff Reynolds, aged 28, from Houston sorting out the affairs of arch-dealmaker Alan Bond, Armed with little more than a winning smile, \$250 million and a 65p master company registered in Singapore, the man who appears more suited to a surfboard than a boardroom is

attempting to stave off the liquidation of

the Bond empire. This all seemed quite ludicrous until Mr Reynolds senior, who lives not far away from Houston, in Dallas, let slip that his lad, who started his business dealings a decade ago when he was just 18, has links with the Sultan of Brunei. It is not clear whether Mr Reynolds senior was talking with authorization from his son, but it does beggar credibility that the Sultan, one of the richest men in the world, would single a compromise is thought to be out Mr Reynolds to be the conduit for a useful diversion.

If it did happen that way, however, it would give a long laugh to Tiny Rowland, who has taken an extraordinary interest in the Sultan's deals since the takeover of House of Fraser, and whose detailed exposure of the extent of Bond Corporation's debts exacerbated the present crisis.

In any case, the publicity generated by Mr Reynolds does suit Mr Bond. What the troubled entrepreneur needs more than anything is time, for the longer creditors are held at bay the better the chances of Mr Bond being able to keep some element of control over the empire. Creditors have now started falling out with each other, and so long as the legal claims remain in dispute it is unlikely that the rug will finally be pulled from beneath Mr Bond's feet. Mr Reynolds is no white knight; but he is a

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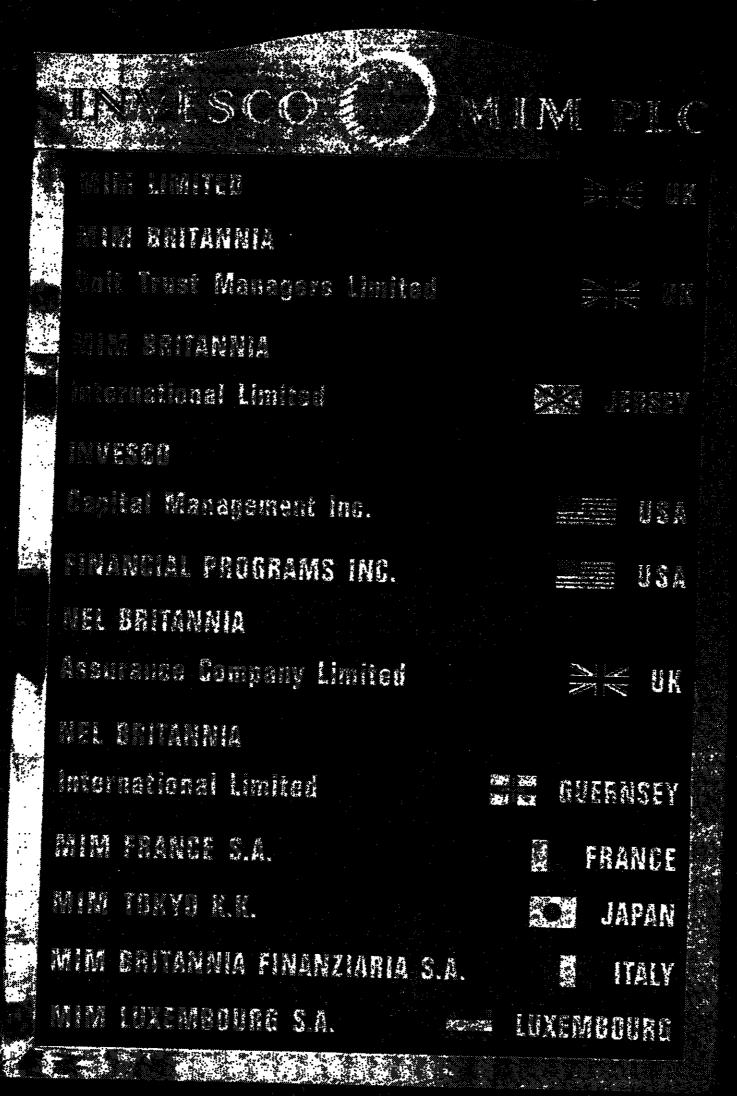
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market rising shares took a small lead over declining ones. Shares generally firmed

after a mixed opening, following up Monday's advance, due mostly to futures-related buying. However, the market

lacked fresh news and some investors are waiting for the producer price report on Friday. Lands' End rose % to 2014. The directors have authorized the repurchase of up to 1 million of its common

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Brewery shares jump after broker's recommendation

By Michael Clark Stock Market Correspondent

Investors have developed a taste for the drinks sector and were busily chasing the shares of the leading brewers sharply higher last night. Mr Mike McCarthy, a brew-

ing analyst at Smith New Court, the broker, is urging its clients to remain "overweight" among the big brewers - especially those with an international flavour.

He believes that they should continue to outperform the market and should be capable of a high level of earnings growth. Most of them have been restructuring their businesses and now boast wellknown brand names.

Top of his shopping list comes Grand Metropolitan, up 11p at 658p, followed by Guinness, 8p better at 668p and Allied-Lyons, 8p at 511p. Whithread also remains a buy recommendation, 10p higher at 525p. Healthy gains were also recorded in Scottish & Newcastle, 9p to 357p and Bass, 16p to £10.58.

The rest of the equity market recovered from a hesitant start and closed with small gains on the day, helped by a small buy programme which helped to boost turnover to 563 million shares. Further reflection of this week's half-point cut in US prime rates cheered sentiment. The FT-SE 100 index clawed back an early fall of almost 11 points to finish 5.0 up at 2,436.3. The FT index of 30 shares rose 11.5 to 1,956.5.

Government securities were left nursing losses of £44 after the Bank of England decided to cancel a reverse gilt auction.

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to 226p on talk of the appearance of a big seller on Wall Street with Kleinwort Benson believed to be trying to find a home for the stock.

Storehouse, the troubled BhS and Habitat-Mothercare retailer, recovered an early fall to end 6p better at 123p. Most of the support originated on the London Traded Options

Weish, 4p better at 162p. Northumbrian firmed 3p to 178p. Southern 1p to 161p, South West 1p to 170p, Thames 2p to 160p, Wessex 2p to 169p and Yorkshire 2p to 169p. The package of mixed

on recent falls. Anglian rose

2p to 163p after reporting

interim figures much in line

with expectations, along with

Cable and Wireless fell 12p to 571p following reports of a profits downgrading and change of recommendation by BZW, the broker. But BZW says it is keeping to its buy recommendation and current pre-tax profits forecast of £515 million (£420 million). It says that the fall in the share price is probably due to the weakness of the dollar.

Market where James Capel, the broker, is understood to have bought about 200 call options, equivalent to 200,000

ICI shrugged off recent duliness to score an 18p rise to £10.98. The group has suffered more than its fair share of profit downgradings in recent weeks, but analysis now take the view that the shares have been left behind. Yorkshire Chemical jumped 12p to 366p on hopes of a bid.

WoodMac, the broker, says that the water companies have been pushed too high too soon and it expects better buying opportunities soon. Burmah Oil, a takeover

water shares rose £18 to £1,603. County NatWest

favourite, shrugged off yet another profits downgrading to finish 3p dearer at 668p. This time Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, has taken a Water shares put the brake last year's figure by £6 million the sector.

estimate from £106 million to £97 million.

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The broker blames higher interest charges and the slowdown in the economy which has affected the specialist chemicals division. Without a bid from SHV, brokers like BZW think that the shares are

looking expensive. Metal Closures, the packaging and printing group, held steady at 188p as the expected raid on the shares by Wassall, the industrial conglomerate,

failed to materialize. Wassall's share price has strengthened in the past week, raising the value of its £45 million cash-and-share offer above Closures' current mar-

ket price. At the last count, Wassall owned 13 per cent of Closures and had acceptances - including those of Mr David Abell's Suter - totalling 31 per cent. Wassall finished another 2p

higher at at 218p. Nervous selling in the oil sector continued as the oil price retreated from its recent high levels.

Reuters the international news agency and financial information group, continued to go from strength to strength. Nomura Securities published a buy recommendation this week for the shares which have been enjoying growing support from US investors.

British Aerospace recovered some of Monday's setback with a rise of 2p to 572p on talk of a £1.2 billion contract for its Hawk trainer from South Korea.

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Tokyo tumbles as investors retreat

Tokyo (Reuter) - Political rumours and bad news overwhelmed the market, sending investors rushing to the sidelines and pushing prices down by as much as 565.07 points in the afternoon before index-linked buying helped them recover some losses at the close.

However, second-section shares, which have rallied recently, being a volatile sector, rose. The Nikkei index toppled by 343.50 points, or 0.92 per cent, to 37,951.46. One of the rumours was that Mr Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, a leading official of the Liberal Democratic

Party, had been arrested in connection with a shares scandal. But the official's secretary denied that he had been arrested or was involved in any scandal.

Such rumours often appear before general elections, the secretary added. Japan is expected to hold elections on February 18. The various scandal rumours pushed shares and bonds down in the afternoon and boosted the dollar against the yen.

The central bank intervened repeatedly to support the yen. Another big factor behind the market's whirlwind Soviet Azerbaijan. The market reacted strongly to reports on Friday that Mr Gorbachov had cancelled all January meetings with foreign officials.

The Nikkei plummeted by more than 600 points at its lowest level on Friday. The reports were later denied. • Frankfurt — The DAX index closed 22.70 higher at 1,865.94. Shares surged by more than 1.5 per cent as a flood of

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INTERIM RESULTS CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

GROUP RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 1989

Notes

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Operating profit for the half year ended 30 September 1989 was £76.7million on turnover of £199.5million. Profit on ordinary activities was £28.5million. There were extraordinary items, primarily privatisation costs, of £6.7million. These results do not reflect the capital restructuring which took place on privatisation nor the increase in costs associated with the new regulatory arrangements. Hence the results are not representative of the anticipated full year position.

COMMENTARY ON RESULTS

The results confirm our Prospectus forecast that profit on ordinary activities (stated after interest but before taxation and extraordinary items) for the year ending 31 March 1990 will be not less than £83.0million.

TURNOVER

Other income

OPERATING PROFIT

Net interest payable

Extraordinary items

SHAREHOLDERS

PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

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DISCLOSED SHAREHOLDING

We were advised on 18 December 1989 that Lyonnaise UK PLC (a subsidiary of Lyonnaise des Eaux) had an interest in 9% of the issued share capital of the Company.

PROSPECTS

The Directors welcome the opportunity offered by privatisation and look with confidence to a future that they believe will be to the benefit of shareholders, customers and employees. The Directors expect in the absence of unforeseen circumstances to recommend a single final dividend for 1989/90 of 10.21p net per Ordinary Share payable on 1 October 1990.

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Bernard Henderson CBE Chairman 9 January 1990

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BASIS OF PREPARATION The interim accounts, which are unaudited, for the six months ended 30 September 1989 have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the prospectus dated 22 November 1989 containing Listing Particulars of Anglian Water Pic and are consistent with the accounting policies adopted for the year ended 31 March 1989. Results for the six months ended 30 September 1988 have not been presented. The Directors believe that comparison with this prior period would not be meaningful in view of changes during the current year in capital structure, regulation, the level of infra structure renewals expenditure and other costs associated with the Company's new status as a plc. The financial information contained in this interim statement does not amount to full accounts within the meaning of Section 254 of the Companies Act

PRO FORMA EARNINGS Pro forma profit on ordinary activities after

£62.7 million Pro forma earnings per Ordinary Share 21.3 p

Pro forma earnings per Ordinary Share have been calculated by dividing pro forma profit on ordinary activities after taxation by the 294.7 million Ordinary Shares in issue since 20 November 1989. Pro forma profit on ordinary activities after taxation has been calculated by making an adjustment to interest of

\$42.0 million as if the new capital structure had been in place since 1 April 1989 and by including a pro forma taxation charge of £7.8 million (note 1). Actual earnings per Ordinary Share have not been presented: the number of shares in issue during the six months ended 30 September 1989 and the actual profits for that period are not considered to be representative of the group's position following implementation of the new capital structure.

NOTES

1 TAXATION

Prior to vesting in September 1989, Anglian Water Authority was exempt from UK income, corporation and capital gains tax on all income and chargeable gains. Until such time as a liability to mainstream corporation tax or deferred tax arises, it is expected that the only tax charge to the profit and loss account will be the write off of irrecoverable advance corporation tax.

In computing pro forma earnings, a pro forma taxation charge has been derived by using the estimated effective rate of tax used in calculating the pro forma profit forecast, for the full year, contained in the Prospectus and applying it to the pro forma profit before tax for the half year.

2 EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS Extraordinary items comprise privatisation and restructuring costs.

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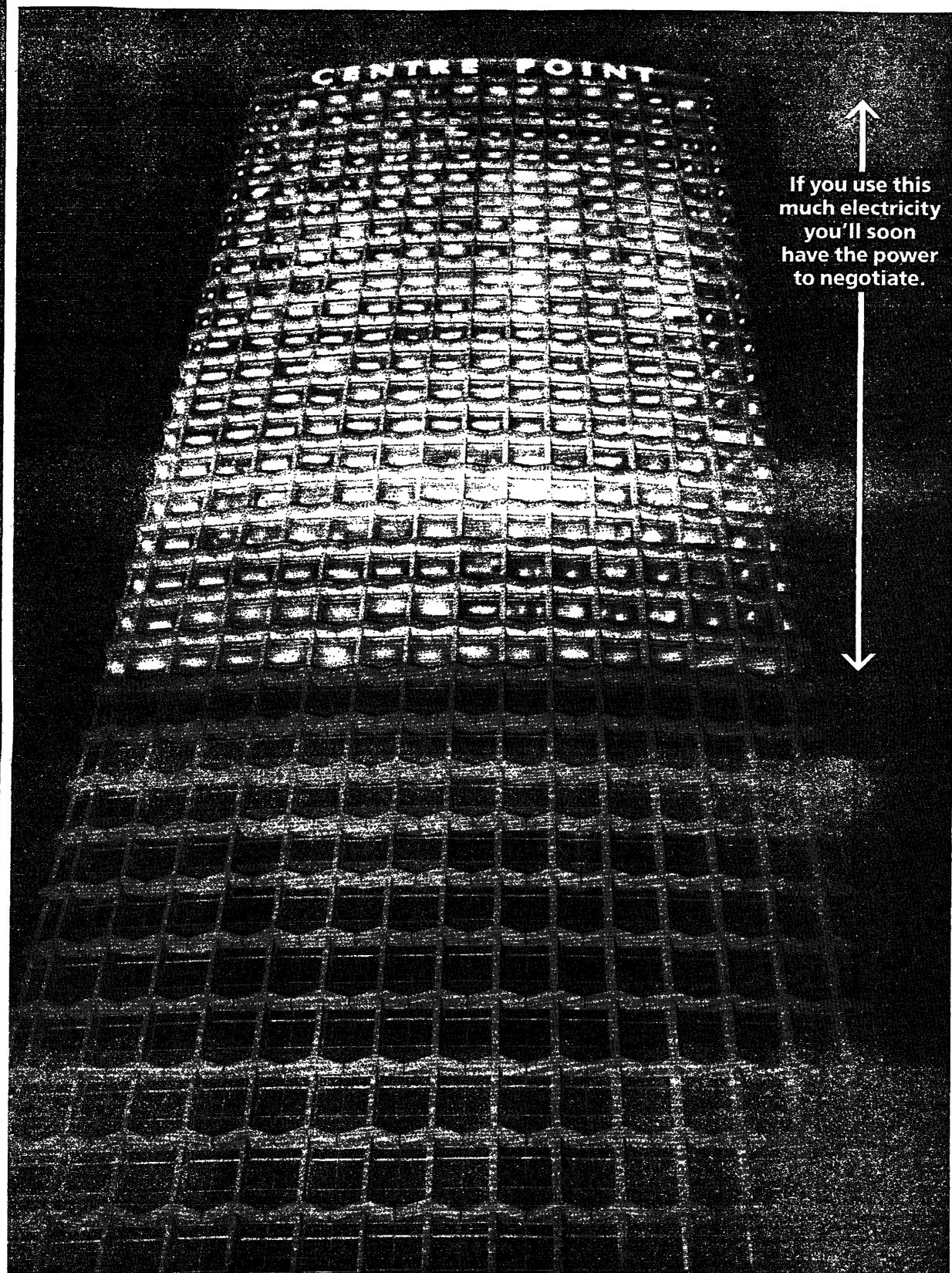
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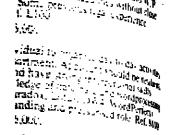
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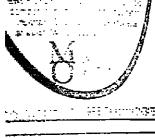
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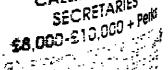
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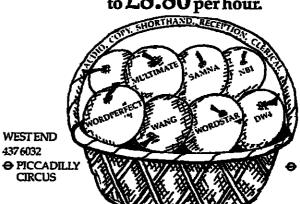
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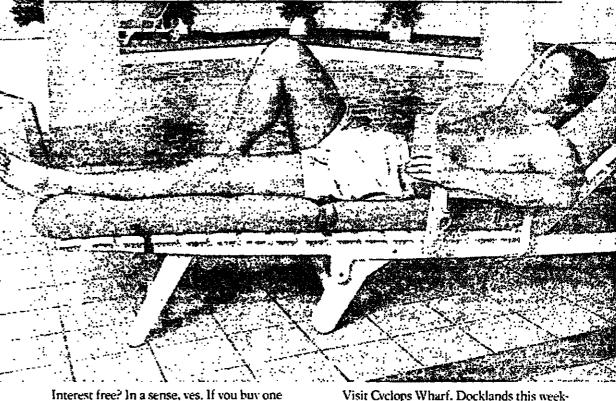
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central region, for example, an-

nounced last week an extension of

their offer of mortgages with a rate of 7.5 per cent. In November they

offered this rate on up to £40,000

of a mortgage, with Barratt paying the difference, until January 1991,

in a bid to stabilize the market.

Demand for the scheme, bringing

savings worth up to £150 a month,

has led Barratt to extend the

scheme for a further year.

Taking the pain out of high mortgage costs

Whether you are a first-time buyer or market may be, the one feature of house buying already on the property-owning ladder, about which there is no difficulty in these troubled times is the availability of mortgage funds. there are plenty of deals to choose from Indeed, the latest monthly fig-ures for lending by building societies show that gross mortgage when it comes to arranging the finance

£4,157 million, the second highest total of the year. This reflected Barratt pays the difference in both the increasing strength of the mortgage rate directly to the building societies in the mortgage purchaser each month, the cost is not added back later, nor is the mortgage period extended. To market as borrowers preferred them to other lenders, and also the variety of ways in which mortqualify, purchasers must reserve gages are being made "affordable", despite high interest rates. their new home by February 25, and Barratt's generosity extends to Almost without exception, builconsidering buying a customer's ders are offering subsidized mortpresent home.

> Barratt has also introduced a "partnership mortgage" across the country, enabling first-time buyers to move on to, and subsequently up, the property ladder. By paying a 5 per cent deposit, the purchaser buys the house outright, but makes mortgage repayments only on the first 75 per cent of its value. There are no repayments on the remaining 20 per cent until after four years, during which time the owner enjoys capital appreciation on the whole property. The scheme, made available by the mortgage advisers John Charcol Ltd, is designed to make a much

wider range of houses more

Hunting Gate Homes, operating in the Home Counties and the West Country, has, like other builders, experienced a considerably lower rate of sales, but is confident the lull will be shortlived, and that those who buy now will reap enormous benefits later. The company has a wide range of houses, from first-time buyers' homes to four and five bedroom executive homes. At Amwell Grange, Amwell, near Ware, Hertfordshire, these are priced from £174,500 to £234,950, while at Palace Gardens, at Royston, Hertfordshire, a small development of four and five bed-room homes of Victorian-style design is £255,000 to £285,000.

Richard Field, development director of the Prudential Mortgage Company, asserts that people are still willing to move if mort-gages are priced competitively. He gives, as an example, the fixed rate mortgage offer from Credit Agri-cole which Prudential launched at the end of last year.

In 10 days, homebuyers took advantage of a special £24 million tranche of funds from Credit Agricole at a rate fixed at 13.4 per cent until November 30, 1991, and 63 per cent of them were firsttime buyers. This offer was the latest in a series of mortgage schemes negotiated by the com-pany with a panel of lenders for customers using the muscle power of the Prudential's 12,000-strong direct sales force or its chain of

750 estate agents. A different form of subsidy is being offered by the Herefordshire builder Border Oak, which specializes in constructing half-timbered houses using English oak, Elizabethan techniques and "20thcentury technology".

The company's two main projects are being completed, at Lower Woodhouse, Shobdon, where two large barns surrounding a central courtyard have been restored, and at Mordiford, where four cottages have been built. The largest barn is priced at £159,950, while the cottages cost from £85,999 to £87,500, but the firm has given the selling agents, GA Town & Country's Leominster office, £100,000 to tailor the costs

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The Castle at Starberough (above), near Lingfield, Surrey, is a fascinating felly. Built in 1754 as a Gothic-style garden house surrounded by a most, it stands on the site of a medieval manor house – which was later fortified—and constructed with stone from its ruins. The present owner, a farmer and specialist builder, has fully restored it, using English eak for panelling and staircase. It is a genuine retreat, with

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By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

A station plan in the grand style

Marylebone is the latest rail landmark

to receive the

facelift treatment

arylebone station is the latest of London's main rail termini to have approved or proposed large-scale redevelopment around it. The plan is to redevelop

a 2.5-acre site adjoining the station to provide 300,000 sq ft of offices and 60 apartments. Near by, in a separate scheme, the grand building that started life in 1899 as the Great Central Hotel, one of the city's original station hotels but not used as such since the Second World War, will revert to its

This plan concentrating on Marylebone follows schemes for Paddington and Victoria submitted in the past two months, and projects under way or planned for Liverpool Street, King's Cross, Charing Cross, Cannon Street and

flats, the scheme involves improving the station concourse and forecourt facilities, although the station buildings are not being developed, nor will there be any building over the railway lines. Last year Lynton bought Melbury House, an 11-storey,

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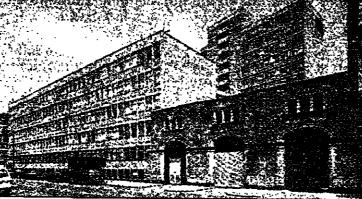
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from an institutional owner for £12 million. Melbury House is identified in Westminster City Council's draft revised planning brief for Marylebone station as having considerable redevelopment potential in a comprehensive improvement scheme for the

The expected furore over the

uniform business rate for com-

mercial properties being in-troduced this April has obscured

some longer-term effects of the

One effect is that rents in som

sectors will fall, the leading

rating surveyor Fuller Peiser concludes. Fuller Peiser says retailers in prime positions are the worst hit — Harrods' bill will

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sq ft, around a full-height central atrium. They have tried to ensure that the proposals respect the surrounding area, which includes

the old Great Central Hotel, the nearby Dorset Square conserva-tion area and other listed build-ings. The Marylebone station forecourt will be refurbished, and the Victorian iron and glass canopy, the Porte Cochere,

Gordon Edington, Lynton's managing director, says Maryle-bone is one of the few sites near the West End capable of support-ing a new office building on this big scale.

How a higher business rate can cut rents are mainly in the South, which is where the loudest protests are being made. But the position of

> Peter Damesick, at St Quintin, says these businesses will have their reduction deferred until phasing-in of increased rates in the next five years is completed. They are therefore financing the phasing-in of rises in the South,

elopment will particularly appeal

to occupiers who need to be in a good central location but are unwilling to pay prime Mayfair or St James's rents," he says. The company behind the scheme to return the Grade II listed Victorian Great Central

Hotel to its original use is its new owner and developer, One Thou-sand International Ventures Corporation. It will be managed by Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the subsidiary of the Ritz Carlton Hotel Company, an American group that runs high-class hotels.

The Windsor, as the new hotel is to be named, is its first European venture and is due to open in late 1991. Since the building's requisitioning for troops in the Second World War it has not been used as a hotel, and until recently it was the British Rail head office.

During this time much of the splendid interior, including mar-ble columns and floors, carved wooden panelling and ornate plasterwork ceilings, has been obscured, but it has survived. The restoration and new building works are to be carried out by the architects S'International, of Hong Kong, and the plans have been approved by conservation groups, including the Victorian Society, and English Heritage.

The focal point of the hotel is to be a central Winter Garden, which the developers claim will be one of the largest enclosed spaces in London. This glazed courtyard rises to seven storeys, and more than a third of the 308 rooms and suites will have views over it.

IN THE MARKET

Motorway magnet

 The importance of motorway links has attracted Capital & Counties to buy an 11.6-acre site at Redditch, Worcestershire, from the borough council for £5.4 million to develop a £20 million office park. It will be called the Parklands Office Campus.

The site, which will have 120,000 sq ft of offices, is close to both Redditch town centre and the M42, the motorway that serves the growing Birmingham and West Midlands conurbation, while the new M40 extension under construction is within 10 minutes' drive, providing links to north

The campus will be designed to house companies seeking a national or regional headquarters in a landscaped setting.

Bucks in the lead

 Buckinghamshire emerges as the leading county in retail rental growth in the past two years, with an increase of 102 per cent. Edward Erdman reports in its look at the pattern in individual countles. However, the regional picture shows the Midlands at the top, with a 51 per cent growth.

Second to Buckinghamshire in the county league is Shropshire, with 100 per cent rental growth since July 1987, benefiting from the urban development corporation directing attention towards Telford.

Edward Erdman says a comparable performance during the next two years cannot be expected, as the latest forecasts of consumer spending in 1990 are less than one quarter of that recorded in 1988. But it adds: "This period will present opportunities for the streew investor to acquire understand the street of the str undervalued properties with potential to appreciate on the next

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He believes the norm of uperties face average increases of between 55 and 90 per cent. ward-only rent reviews will even-Rod Thomas, of Faller Pei-ser's national rating department, tually have to give way to market forces. "I think some new retail and hi-tech properties will prove says: "These huge rate increase over the next five years or so will very difficult to let unless develinevitably lead to rents being slashed in some sectors. New opers respond realistically," prime developments completed

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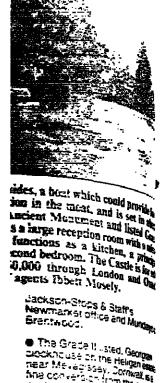
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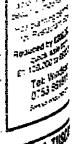
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From John Woodcock Melbourne

The good news from here is that, in Darren Lehmann. Australia seem to have unearthed an exceptional batting talent. The bad news is that the Sri Lankans are getting into unwelcome habits. The sad news is that a batsman was killed last weekend on the borders of Victoria and New South Wales by a shortpitched ball; and the predictable news is that, with a Test series pending, the Pakistanis are at sixes and sevens.

After watching Lehmann, who is 19, score his fourth hundred in his seventh firstclass match of the season for South Australia against Victoria at Adelaide on Monday, Simon O'Donnell, captaining Victoria, said: "I would think if I played another 20 years of cricket I'd struggle to see a better innings than that. I needed another four or five fielders.

Dean Jones describes Lehmann as "the most exciting thing I've seen in 10 years of cricket" and Merv Hughes as "the cleanest striker of a ball I've bowled to". Lehmann himself rates his 228 against tain. Something similar hap-New South Wales in November, also at Adelaide, more highly than Monday's 129. If nia, though the Sri Lankan that makes him sound rather involved there was one of the pleased with himself, appar- Ratnayakes. ently he is not.

Until not very long ago. were invariably burdened with the tag of "the budding captain, David Hookes, whose great early brilliance was, in fact, never quite fulfilled.

Marsh reclaims place

ing batsman, Geoff Marsh, will return to the Australian team for the first Test match of the series with Pakistan which begins here on Friday. Marsh missed two Tests against Sri Lanka and one against New Zealand because of

He replaces Tom Moody as the only change to the side which beat Sri Lanka by 173 runs in the second Test in Hobart last month. Although Moody made runs in all three games, the selectors were unable to ignore Marsh as he proved his fitness with an unbeaten 355 for Australia in a Sheffied Shield

Practice before first Test

Brisbane (Reuter) - The Pakiinnings of their drawn four-day match against Queensland yesterday for practice before the first Test match against Austra-lia, starting on Friday.

The touring side, which was bowled out for 257 in its first

innings, scored 307 for six in its second in reply to Queensland's 436 for eight declared as the match ended 30 minutes early. Resuming at eight without loss, the Pakistanis kept pace with the clock as runs came in even time. Mansoor Akhtar, batting at No. 3, hit the top score of 74; Javed Miandad, the former captain, was unbeaten on 55; and Shoaib Mohammad, the opening batsman, made 52.

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attempt to revive flagging in-terest in the Paris-Dakar rally.

which is increasingly dominated by professional teams, the or-ganizers want to inject new life

of only two weeks' duration.

This year's race has become a

virtual procession, with Ari Valanen, of Finland, driving a

Peugeot, who won yesterday's stage, almost assured of his

second successive victory. It is a similar story in the motorcycle section, where the Italian, Edi

Orioli has opened up a

ADDRESS.

Contrite player Aravinda de Silva, the Sri Lankan batsman, has apolo-

sibility for a breach of the player's code of behaviour after a barging incident with Rod Tucker, the Tasmanian bowler, on Monday, the Australian Cricket Board announced yesterday. Nisal Senaratne, the Sri Lankan manager, will announce today what action he is to take.

left-handed, though of sturdier build. To both of them the pitch at the Adelaide Oval, arguably the best in the world, has proved a true friend.

The Sri Lankan now in trouble is their own batting prodigy, Avarinda de Silva, who has been up before the Australian Cricket Board (their Code of Behaviour Commission branch) for falling foul of Rod Tucker, one of beating. the Tasmanian bowlers, at Devonport on Monday.

Twice, it seems, de Silva effected a collision, after the second of which the two had to be separated by Dirk Wellham, the Tasmanian cappened towards the end of the recent Test match in Tasma-

Years ago Barry Richards, when coaching in Western rising Australian batting stars Australia, told me how concerned he was by the no-holdsbarred attitude that was Bradman". Lehmann's start is coming into the Australian being compared more oppor- game. Although on Monday tunely with that of his State Tucker seems to have been the innocent party, O'Donnell has twice recently had to answer charges, first from Sri Lanka Like Hookes, Lehmann is and then South Australia, that

still an uncertain starter for Friday. The reason this time is a bruised finger on his bowling hand. In Brisbane on Monday Imran sent him off the field more in pique than pity and was to be heard after play reading his own fairly auto-cratic version of the Riot Act. Mushtaq Ahmed, aged 19, has been summoned as a possible replacement.

wearing of helmets.

man who died at the weekend,

a promising all-round games

player, was hit high up in the

rib cage, the blow triggering off

what was described as "an

electrical disturbance in the

Pakistan's troubles are of

the customary kind, though when Imran Khan has been in

charge they have been less

common than under anyone

else. Normally, the player expected on the next flight

from Karachi is Abdul Qadir.

Before that, Sarfraz Nawaz

used to have a way of going to

On this occasion Salim

Malik is the elusive one.

Having stayed behind in Paki-

stan for a tonsils operation, he

is due here in time for the Test

match starting at the Mel-

bourne Cricket Ground on

Friday; but the planes keep

Not to be upstaged, Qadir is

landing without him.

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Somewhat surprisingly, Javed Miandad is fit, anyway for the moment. With six Test hundreds against Australia, he already has as many as anyone except Hobbs (12), Hammond (nine), Herbert Sutcliffe (eight) and Boycott, John Edrich, Gavaskar, Gower and Leyland, who each scored

Patterson stakes a claim for recall

Overseas cricket by Simon Wilde

The past few days have been bados, Ezra Moseley (five for significant for domestic competitions in several countries. with the opening fixtures in the Caribbean's first-class tournament and matches in Australia and South Africa which will have played a large part in deciding which sides qualify for the finals of the Sheffield Shield

and the Currie Cup.
In the West Indies, the first round of Red Stripe Cup matches launched an ominously ferocious campaign among the fast bowlers for places in the Test side to face England in the series starting at Sabina Park, Kingston on February 24.

The most direct and dramatic duel took place at Sabina Park itself, between Pat Patterson. who has been out of the West Indies team for almost a year, and lan Bishop, who replaced him. Bishop had match figures of 11 for 124 for Trinidad and Tobago but Patterson returned the best innings figures, seven for 53, and it was Jamaica, the cup holders, who won, by 59

Elsewhere, Ambrose, who will almost certainly take the new ball against England, had seven for 107 in the match as Leeward Islands beat Barbados by seven wickets in Bridgetown. For Bar-

commanding lead of more than an hour.

RESULTS: Eleventh stage (Tahous to Namey, 257 miles). Cara: 1. A Vatarien (Fr), Peugeot 405, 114 19rnin 37sec; 2. A Coven (GB), Misuaisish, at 1 min 57sec; 3. A Ambrosino (Fr), Peugeot 205, at 2:07: 4, B Waldegaard (Swe), Peugeot 405, at 2:37: 5, P Wambergue (Fr), Peugeot 405, at 2:37: 5, P Wambergue (Fr), Peugeot 405, at 2:37: 4, Mesorcycles: 1, C Mas-Samora (So), Yameta, 2tr 21stin 46sec; 2, A De Petri (th, Cagiva, at 46min; 4, G Picard (Fr), Scrauto-Yamata, at 1:38; 5, F Picco (th, Yamata, at 1:38, Owirell standings: Carte 1, Vatarien, 17m 14min 45sec penalties; 2, Wambergue, at 1:54:07; 3, Waldegaard, at 1:58:27, 4, Ambrosino, at 4:25:44; 5, Cowan, at 4:49:51. Biotoroycles: 1, Oriol, 52hr 45min 17sec; 2, Mas-Samora at 1:12:11; 3, Picco, at 2:27:19, 4, T Magnatid (Fr), at 2:41:34, 5, Ficard, at 2:46:36.

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MOTOR RALLYING

Vatanen is well clear

Niamey, Niger (AFP) - In an commanding lead of more than

Cricket declarations

"I have never had one cross word with any coloured cricketer over playing there" (Graham Gooch on South Africa). "They are all fair and honest men . . . I would even defend Shakoor Rana" (Dickie Bird on

umpires). Two of the leading figures in cricket

answering Patrick Murphy's questions in his book, Declarations. Read them in The Times on Saturday.

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The inclusion of Marsh, also reinstated as vice-captain to Allan Border, gives Australia the same six top-order batsmen used throughout last year's

Ashes series in England. Pakistan were hoping that Salim Malik would arrive time to strengthen their side for the opening Test after having his tonsils removed. But Intikhab Alam, the tour manager, said yesterday that he was not now expected to be available until the second Test.

AUSTRALIAN PARTY: A R Border (captain). G R Marsh, M A Taylor, D C Boon, D M Jones, S R Waugh, I A Heaty, P R Sleep, M G Hughes, C G Rackemann, T M Alderman, G Campbell.

> 89) and Franklyn Stephenson (77 not out in four hours) made their first appearances for eight years after being pardoned for touring South Africa.
>
> In the Sheffield Shield, a race

is developing between New South Wales and Victoria to claim a place in the final with the leaders, Queensland. New South Wales's match

with Western Australia was the first played at the Sydney Cricket Ground this season following the re-laying of the square and parts of the outfield. Had the pitch not played satisfactorily the third Test against Pakistan would have been switched to Brisbane. During Western Australia's first innings of 262, Veletta carried his bat for 110.

In the Currie Cup, draws with their main rivals helped Eastern Province and Western Province to retain their respective leads in sections one and two. Jon Hardy, the Somerset batsman, scored his second century of the season, for Western Province against Transvaal.

Ewen Chatfield, aged 39, the New Zealand Test bowler, who received an MBE in the New Year's Honours list, has an-nounced his retirement



captain, who yesterday inveiled a wide choice of counties if he does next week.

TABLE TENNIS

England's

gamble

on Andrew

By Richard Eaton

Carl Prean, England's leading player this season, has been omitted from the national team

to meet Yugoslavia in Vranje on January 23. It is a calculated

gamble that is part of an attempt

to alleviate relegation worries in the super division of the Euro-

Donald Parker, the England

captain, believes that players returning from the European Top 12 tournament, being held

n Hanover from January 19 to

21, face a difficult journey by air and road to Vranje and could be

too jaded to perform at their

woman player, Jasna Fazlic, may therefore be vulnerable.

Rather than submit Prean to the same schedule, Parker pre-

fers to risk the England No. 4,

Skylet Andrew, who has a disruptive attack and who beat

Lupulescu the last time they

English national champion, will

travel early to Yugoslavia so that they are fresh. If they get their preparations right, Parker be-

Andrew and Alan Cooke, the

Ilije

Yugoslavia's leading

Zoran Primorac and Lupulescu, and their

David Gower, the former England decide to leave Leicestershire. Gloucestershire have joined foundation stone for a new Hampshire and Kent in declaring recreation centre at his old school, an interest in Gower, who may King's Canterbury, will have a make a decision about his future always interested when a quality

The Gloucestershire secretary, Philip August, said yesterday: "We have not yet discussed the position formally. But we are player becomes available."

YACHTING

Rewarding time for crews

response since the local radio

As the Whitbread Round the to hair-cuts." His crew has World Race organizers await the arrival in Auckland of the last on the yacht for a champagne of the 23 yachts, La Poste, which was becalmed in the Tasman for much of yesterday, the port has taken on a carnival atmosphere.

Jugglers, clowns, buskers, street traders and hamburger stalls are vying for the attention of the crowds who continue to pack the docksides to catch a glimpse of the yachts and the intrepid sailors who are racing them around the globe. And they are not just looking, but dipping their hands into their pockets to support one destitute crew or another among the

lower order. "It's just incredible." Andrew Coghill, the skipper of Britain's veteran maxi, With Integrity, said yesterday. "The people have really opened their hearts to us. They want to help us any way they can, offering every-

and caviar cruise before the restart. "We expect to raise \$10,000." Coghill said This is chicken-feed compared to the sights set by supporters of the penniless Russian entry, Fazisi. Adopted by a

local radio station which is organizing an 800-strong auc-tion party for the boat on Sunday, this group is also raffling a BMW donated to the cause, as well as taking straight donations. A spokesman for the "Fund Fazisi Campaign," said vesterday: "The response has been fantastic. Originally we were looking at raising \$200,000 to get them to Uruguay, but now we have set our sights on we have set our signis on \$250,000 to help them get to

On Liverpool Enterprise, another shoe-string entry, the

station broadcast the boat's newly installed telephone number yesterday. "The phone hasn't stopped ringing." Mike Bradbury said. "We've been offered accommodation, food, a free lift-out for our mast and money." Indeed, one woman visiting the docks yesterday who did not want to help the Russians, gave Liverpool her \$5 donation after a Fazisi collector yacht, which has also won a their Spanish rivals on Fortuna

Creightons Naturally, another yacht short of money, has turned to visitors at the London Boat Show for similar support. Tony Allen, the watch leader. returned to England last month to set up a spinnaker fund, offering a day's cruise on the who donate £100 towards the

Bullimore's new challenge

By Malcolm McKeag wing-masted ketch designed by Newport,

Knox-Johnston head an impressive entry of 47 for the third BOC Challenge Around Alone single-handed race which will start from Newport, Rhode Island, next September. For Knox-Johnston, who in 1969 became the first solo

A full-strength Canadian side

Last Saturday saw a full

complement of matches com-

pleted in the PES English Coun-

ties League. On paper Mid-dlesex's 27-51 capitulation away

to Surrey proved the surprise of

the weekend. The visitors' ex-cuse was that Mary Beardwood, the coach. Sue Keal, the captain

and England international, and Michelle Sellick, were delayed

by fog on their return from a skiing holiday in Italy, only

arriving in time to watch the last

RESULTS: First division: Bedfordshire 60, Hertfordshire 36; Cheshire 39; Birmingham 45; Essex Metropolitian 33, Hampshire North 31; Surrey 51, Midde-sex 27. Leeding standings: 1, Surrey, played 4, 20pts: 2, Birmingham, 4, 20; 3, Bedfordshire, 4, 14.

will tour England, Scotland and Wales in July when they will face opposition from under-21

representative sides.

Tony Bullimore and Robin

lieves they may get a flying start and surprise their opponents. Another anexpected selection is that of Fiona Elliot, preferred yachtsman to sail non-stop to both Alison Gordon and Lisa directed the first two BOC races. Europe's 20 leading players. Elliott beat Fazlic in the French Open last year and had a good English Open last week, when she held a match point against distance monohull racing. For Bullimore, it will be an initiation to monohulls, after a career Valentina Popova, the former European champion. in big multihulls. Bullimore's boat will be a 60ft

NETBALL

Young England strive

for West Indies tour

By Louise Taylor

Young England are seeking an invitation to the West Indies in mer. fitting in such practice is

July after a proposed trip to now a matter of urgency.

Barry Noble and Martin Smith, who were responsible for Bullimore's last multihull. Spirit of Apricot, now owned by François Boucher. Other entrants include Bertie Reed, from South Africa, and Jean-Yves Terlain, who have

both recently pulled out of the ing been dismasted.
The 27.000-mile BOC race will start on September 15 and run in four stages: Newport to Cape Town: Cape Town to Sydney: Sydney to Punta del

The assumption of the leader-ship in the SRA women's Superleague by Colets Thames Ditton with a comprehensive

victory over the previously

dominant Yellow Pages Caversham was an exercise in care-

fully applied tactics.
The Colets side is led by

the world champion conceded

attendance at Caversham as Cassie Jackman, the European

junior champion who has just added the British under-19 title

to her growing list of achieve-ments, applied her powerfully short technique to a 28-minute

third string dismissal of Sue Wright, the former England junior captain.

CYCLING

Sole indoor

track is put

under threat

By Peter Bryan

The country's only indoor track, at Calshot, is in danger of being demolished after a Hampshire County Council meeting on Feb-

ruary 22,
The 160-metre track, originally built for the London sixday race at Earls Court in 1951,
was re-erected at the Calshot
Activities Centre in 1970 in a
vast, former fleet air-arm hanger
(200 metres by 40 metres) which
used to house Sunderland flying
boats.

The loss of the track would

"The track has been used in

recent weeks by Commonwealth Games teams." he said. "And it was popular with hundreds of schoolchildren."

The County Council debate will effect the entire centre

where many other sports take

Hampshire County Council's annual sport's facilities budget is £4.5 million; the unknep of

Calshot alone is said to be in the

region of £3.5 million.

blace.

Altogether there are six French entrants, seven Australians, 10 from Great Britain, 13 from the United States, two each from South Africa and Canada and individuals from Spain, Hungary, Netherlands and Ireland.

There are also three from be identified. "To be frank, we can't read the entry form." Mark Schrader, the race director, said yesterday. "But the cheque was good and as soon as we have the form translated, we'll be pleased

Nomad Novices' Hurdle, winfrom Ninja. The winner has a foal by Town And Country and was bought a potential broodmare by owner Sylvia Dibben. Brembill Rose had shown some Este in Uruguay and Punta to to welcome him. Or her." SQUASH RACKETS

promise at home and was put in training with a view to winning a race, and boosting the value of her stock, **Strong English** Caversham toppled by challenge for

RACING

Promising

Royal

Athlete for

festival

By Graham Rock

Royal Athlete landed odds of 5.

Royal Athlete immest dons of 3-4 on in the Wynneswold Now-ices' Chase at Leicester yes-terday, winning in the end by 10 lengths from Randolph Cres-cent, but not before giving his supporters heartburn.

A blunder at the fourth fence,

followed by a mistake at the first open ditch, set treasons of apprehension through the crowd: but the further Jenny Pinnan's horse went the better he jumped.

Leading early in the straight.

he soured over the last clear of his toiling rivals and afterwards

it came as no surprise to hear of the came as no surprise to hear of cary Johnson, who owns the winner in partnership with his brother, Liberty, announce the Sun Alliance Chase at Chelten, ham as this promising novice's

"We are hoping for even

better in the future, and if he

keeps on improving like this we'll be happy," Johnson said.

Mrs Pitman was not present spending the day in France

Another winner Cheltenh

bound might be Tort, who made

an impressive debut in the Groby Maiden Chase. Having won three point-to-points in: Ireland and a competitive Nat-ional Hunt flat race, this Le

Moss gelding had shown plenty of ability before being bought

privately by owner Tom Wrage.
Always travelling smoothly,
Tort jumped fluently through-

out and if the opposition here was not formidable, he could do

no more than win easily. Trainer John Mackie said that

he hoped Tort, who had joined him from Simon Christian only

progress to challenge for the Arkle Trophy at the festival.

and will probably stay three in the future, but this race didn't

take much winning. He wasn't fully fit today and should come

Martin Lynch earned a two-

for "using his whip with un-reasonable force," when win-ning the Breedon Handicap Chase on Warner's Ead, who

scraped home by a neck from

Silver Pale after a dour, exhaust-ing duel from the final fence.

The winning jockey faced a classic dilemma. Warner's Endled between the last two fences.

was headed by the runner-up and won only because of the exertions of his jockey. Warner's End was the second

winner of the season for John

Webber who said that because the ground in England had been

so firm, he was sending some horses to Ireland today.

Leopardstown on Saturday, Mweenish will contest the

Thyestes Chase at Gowran Park

a week tomorrow and Elfast might run in novice company at

both meetings.
Brembill Rosie upset a gam-

ble in the first division of the

Auntie Dot will run at

on a lot," Mackie added.

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English-trained runners account for eight of the 28 four-day acceptors for the Ir£50,000 The Ladbroke handicap hurdle at Leopardstown on Saturday,
Fragrant Dawn, trained by
Jimmy Fitzgerald, is now 5-1
favourite although Mark Dwyer
has yet to decide between Fragrant Dawn and Hill Street. Derek Byrne will ride whichever

Dwyer rejects.
Tony Corcoran, the Leopardstown's manager, yesterday described the going as "yield-ing". The weather forecast is for

Some rain with a drying wind.
FOUR-DAY ACCEPTORS: Elementary (M. Flynn), Past Glories (J. J. Charm), Carte (G. McCourt), Roark (-). Wetch Bard (Mr. A. Lacy). Walt O' Badenoch (T. Carmodyl. Attassa (C. F. Swan), Redundart Pat (C. O'Dwyer), Capable (D. Doran), Royal Derbi (G. Bradley), Vicario D. Bray (D. Mouzhy). Dis Tram (M. Pitman), Saypares (A. Mallans), Toranfield (F. Wood), Bright Note (H. Rogers), Random Prince (-), Joyful Notes (T. Satie), Dermore (P. Gil), Lough Gale (B. Shendan), Malden Fair (-), Tawidn (M. M. Tracy). Hill Street (-), Castie Windows (K. O'Brien), Fragnant Dawn (-), Peastus Pet (T. Well), St. Coleman's Well (G. O'Nelli), Martion (L. Cusack), Firtons Law (G. Bowens). some rain with a drying wind.

The Ladbroke By Colin McQuillan The concluding rubber at

Caversham combined Dardir's off-court expertise with Colets' other tactical expert, Alison Cumings, who teased the muchfancied former junior world champion, Sarah FitzGerald, to a humiliating defeat in just 32 minutes.

tactical superiority

Michelle Martin, the Australian FitzGerald, aged 20, another Australian, ranked one place higher than Martin, is a hardworld No. 8, who took two games from Martine Le Moignan in 12 minutes before hitting precision shotmaker under normal circumstances. with back problems. Martin is She was good enough to defeat Lucy Soutier, the British chamcoached by Dardir El Bakary, a tiny Egyptian with one of the best analytical squash brains in pion, in her last appearance at Caversham. the world game.

Dardir was also in close

RESULTS: Yellow Pages Caversham 0, Colets Thamas Ditton 3 (Caversham names first): S Wright lost to C Jackman, 6-9, 4-9, 6-9; M La Moignan lost to M Marten, 1-9, 2-9, ret 5 FitzGaratol lost to A Curmigs, 3-9, 6-9, 3-9, 1MS Courtlands 1, Reebok Nottingham 2 L Irving lost to L Opie, 2-9, 0-9, 9-0, 7-9; S Langley bt F Geaves, 9-5, 9-3, 4-9, 9-6; R Strauss lost to S Brady, 1-9, 6-9, 9-7, 9-5, 3-9, Lending standings: 1, Colets Thamas Ditton, 140s; 2, Reabok Nottingham, 12; 3, Yellow Pages Caversham. 10; 4, UTC Carmons, 2-5, IMS Courtlands, 2

deal with Royal Mail

Next to being a champion, most competitive athletes crave enough money to be able to concentrate on their sport. If sponsorship is hard to find for able-bodied competitors, then it is doubly elusive for sports people with disabilities.

But Ian Haydon, the Les Autres world record holder at discus, javelin and shot, has clinched a sponsorship contract

clinched a sponsorship contract that will see him through to the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona. The deal with Royal Mail letters in Oxford involves him advising the company on equal opportu-nities, with a special emphasis on disability. In return, money goes into a training fund to cover his coaching, diet, equip-ment and travel for the next three years.

have "a very serious effect on the sport", Len Unwin, secretary of the British Cycling Federation, said yesterday. "It's irreplacethree years. For Haydon it is a doubly exciting opportunity. Owing to the increasing difficulties result-ing from his haemophilia, he sold his country sports business in Abingdon two years ago. He sees the contract as a chance to

There is no doubt

Haydon's mind that his compet-itive life, which started in 1986, would have been shortlived without sponsorship. It cost him more than £9,000 across threeyears to reach Seoul, where he collected two gold medals and a silver medal in the paratympics. "If someone of my age can achieve this sort of a deal, then if younger athletes really worked at it they could do even better."
he said. "But you have to be prepared to make yourself into an attractive package to do it."

involves Haydon in pu tions work and advising of aspects of employment that affect people with disabilities. The same problems of attitude affect people in the unstable as affect people in the workplace as they do on the sports field. As someone who was a talented able-bodied athlete until he was aged 18. Haydon is aware that only people with disabilities can really understand what is needed.

are times when all of us especially the more severely disabled, need help," he said.

TODAY'S FIXTURES RUGBY UNION

Jamaica fell through on Mon-

dered because they are too busy preparing to host a Caribbean

tournament in July," Liz Nicholl, the chief executive of

the All England Netball Associ-ation (AENA), said yesterday.

"We are just hoping that all their neighbours will not also be

too involved in pre-tournament

preparations to play us," she

added. It is the second time in six months that Jamaica have let England down, the Carib-bean senior side withdrew from

a British tour in November on

The non-appearance means that England, the young players

in particular, are desperately short, or in many cases, com-

pletely lacking in experience against West Indian sides. With

several expected to participate in the world championships, to

financial grounds.

"The arrangment foun-

FA Cup Third round replays Norwich v Exeter (7.45). A Villa v Blackburn R Bradford v Charlto Derby v Port Vale B and Q Scottish League St Mirren v Dunfermilne

7.30 unless stated

Second division East Fife v Klimarnock East Stirling v Brechin Queen of Sth v Dumbarton Leyland Daf Cup Preliminary round Maidstone v Colchester (8.0). Peterborough v Hereford......

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Bromagrove (2).

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: (7.0): Bamsley v Biackpool: Bollon v Shaffield Wed; Scunthorpe v West Brom; Sunderland v Grimsby; Wigan v Rotherham; Wolverhampton v Middlesbrough. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Millwalt: Ipswich v Brighton (2.0); Oxford v Luton; Reading v OPR (2.0); Swindon v Watford; Charlton v Fulham (2.0).

SMENGET STISH LEAGUE: Distillery v

Ebbw Vale v Newport (7.0)... Glamorgan Wndrs v Bridgend (7.15) Newbridge v Abercam (7.15)... RAF v Civil Service (at RAF Halton.

BASKETBALL CARLSBERG PREMIER LEAGUE: (8.0): Lecester v Manchester, Scient v Derby; Bracknell v Kingston (8.0). OTHER SPORT

iG: Kirkland Laing v Buck Smith; Mugabi v Carlos Antunes (Albert MAII.): World professional champion-shipe (Frimley Green). SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (Norbreck Castle, Blackpool).

18gue. ABLE TENNAS: England v China (Bridington). VOLLEYBALL: Women's international tournament (Gittens, Manchester).

SPORT ON TV AMERICAN FOOTBALL: 2.15-4.15 and 7.30-9.30pm: College mater: 1990 Citrus Laborator AFC ollege metet: 1990 onsi Football Leegu BASKETBALL: Screensport 8.30-11.30:

DARTS: 35C2 2.25-4pm: Highlights of the Estbessy world professional champ-lonthip from the Lakeade Country Club, Frimley Green.

EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-ORT — WHAT A YEARL: 19-11am. Review of the year's POOTBALL: Eurosport 10-11em, 3-5 and 9-10pm: Highlights of the European club circuit and the Lissabon Tournement: Bertica v Sporting and Aisx v PSV: Screensport 4.15-5pm; spanish Lesgue-Athletic Bibao v Barcetona: Eurosport 10.15-11.15pm; World Cap: Qualifying game of the week.

GOLF: Screensport 9.30-11pm; Highlights of the Mony Tournament of Champtons.

Champions.
ICE HOCKEY: Screenaport 12.15-2.15pm;
National Hockey Lengue.
ICE SKATING: Screenaport 11.30am12.15pm; Highlights of the State America
Exhibition of Champions. cycle crashes.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 10-10.15pm
and 12-15am (fornorrow): Highlights and
update on the Peris-Dalar raily.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Somerisport 8-7-30pm:
Toulcuse v XIII Catalan.

SKIMG: Screensport 12-30-1am (tomorrow): 24 hours in Aspen. SKING: Screensport 12:30-1am (tomor-row): 24 hours in Aspen.

SNOOKER: 17V 1:30-3.25pm and 10.35pm-12:30am: Coverage of the Re-centile Credit Classic from the Nortrack Castie, Blackpool.

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10pm-12:10am: Footbalt-Highlights of the FA Cup their rousd replays and results: Boxing: British well-sweight champon Kirkland Laing v Luls Santana from the Albert Hel: Dertac-tightights of the Embassy world pro-fessional champonastic Cuarter-finals from Frimley Green.

7ABLE TENNIS: Euroapert 12-1 and 7-form: Highlights of the Sign Grand Prix finals from Paris.

TENNIS: Eurosport 12-1 and 7-m: Highlights of the Stiga Grand Priz lata from Paris. TENNIS: Eurosport 2-3pm: Best of The Year: Land v McEnros at the European Community championships from Antwerp: Termis Logends: Nastese v Ginnano Iron the Costa-Brave.

TRANS WORLD SPCRT; Eurosport 6-7pm: Sport from around the world. UDATE Screensport 7.30. VOLLEYBALL: Euroeport 11an

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SPORT FOR THE DISABLED Haydon in sponsorship

Next to being a champion, most

sees the contract as a chance to retrain professionally, and en-able him to stay at the top of his sport, starting with the world games at Assen in The Netherlands in July.

Being an attractive package avolves Haydon in public rela-

don't believe the able bodied should get out of our lives completely, because there.

Promising Royal

Athlete for make class count

By George Rae
Desert Orchid is "extremely unlikely" to run in this year's Seagram Grand National, ow Seagram Grand National Class Seagram Grand Na

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Royal Active landed odd of the Windows at Least a Leas By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Sudden Victory stands head and shoulders above his rivals in the second division of the Crowborough Novices' Hurdle at Plumpton today. Despite the recent emphatic

wins of Colne Valley Kid and Tilt Tech Flyer, neither should give 6lb to the Barry Hillstrained Sudden Victory, who trained Sudden victory, was placed behind Cruising Newbury and Kempton Park last winter before finishing unplaced in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham, his

only other race over hurdles. ham at this profitsing now let are the from the finine and the finine are the finine are not made as not made and the finine day in fine societainty the day in fine stock. On the Flat last year, Sudden Victory showed he had lost none of his sparkle by finishing a close second in the Group III St Simon Stakes having previously won a claimer at Ayr.

Sudden Victory was far superior on the level to the penalized four-year-old Regal Lake, who made a winning debut for Jenny Pitman at Taunton last month after being bought out of Michael Stoute's stable for 22,000 guineas at Newmarket in the easily find the concession of

autumn. In the circumstances Sud-them. den Victory is nap material, especially now that the ground

Still against the novices, John at Plumpton is soft. Cash Is King is a more Portslade Handicap Chase likely winner for Mrs Pitman under top weight. Whether this afternoon when he makes, this will prove wise is a matter

tery, whose last run behind Combermere at Devon and Exeter was certainly the equal of anything that Sooner Still has achieved in his two races over fences. At Kelso, Arthur Stephen-

son's useful nine-year-old Tasar can resume his winning ways by capturing the Stewarts Wight Memorial Handicap Chase. He was beaten only a head by General Chandos at Edinburgh last time, that after winning his previous four races. Indeed, Tasar would probably have won at Edinburgh had he not made a serious blunder at the third last fence.

winner already over today's Fish Quay certainly has it in him to win the Bet With The albeit over hurdles, Cash Is Tote Novices' Chase, while Jester's Prospect stands out as the likely winner of the His win over hurdles at Maxton Novices' Hurdle hav-Kempton last month coning run so well to be second to Judge's Fancy in a similar race progress expected since the at Newcastle last month.

In the Duns Handicap Chase I like nothing better than Pyjamas, whose easy win at Catterick Bridge 11 days ago could easily be put down to a change of riding tactics.

Making all the running that time, he looked happier and jumped far more fluently than Instead of running Sooner he had done when held up in previous races. He won more easily than the verdict of three lengths might suggest. He can go from strength to strength and cope with Marejo and his chasing debut in the for conjecture because he Tactico on this occasion.

Need to promote young chasers

Barry Hills: trainer of Sud-

den Victory (Plumpton, 3,30)

Pevensey Novices' Chase. A

tight course and distance,

King has always looked a

firmed he has made the

On Towcester form there

should be little between Bronze Final and Mr Gossip,

the two penalized runners in

the field. However, they could

8lb to Cash Is King beyond

Edwards has opted for the

chaser in the making.

previous season.

Ivan Straker, chairman of Seagram, visibly warmed yes-terday to the thought of Desert Orchid competing in a Grand

Ostensibly in London to an-Ostensibly in London to an-nounce record prize-money for the big Aintree meeting in April, this National Hunt enthusiast could not hide his delight at the possibility of Richard Burridge's grey tackling those formidable National fences.

"Desert Orchid is a wonderful horse, such a flamboyant jumper," Straker said. "Granted a deceat racing weight, I believe he would fly around Aintree and what a sight it would be. "Desert Orchid is a wooderful

"I fear though Christopher Mordaunt, the handicapper, will have to give him over 12 stone,

Selections

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12.55 Lucy Lastic. 1.25 Tres Sportif. 1.55 Ardour. 2.25 Koo. 2.55 High Finance. 3.25 Hill Beagle.

12.55 CHESHIRE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

10-11 Sea Shadow, 5-2 Lucy Lastic, 9-2 Storm Warrior, 8-1 Good Point, 12-1 others.

1.25 MOZZARELLA SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O:

5-4 Tres Sportif, 9-4 Lilac Time, 7-2 Waverley Girl, 8-1 Bold Gamble, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 14 veinners from 45 runners, 31.1%; Mrs D Hains, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M Skinner, 5 from 24, 20.8%; R Wesser, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Feigets, 6 from 52, 11.5%; S Bowling, 3 from 30, 10.0%.

HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m) (6 runners)

1 11F4 SEA SHADOW 16 (B,CD,EF,F) E Wheeler 5-12-0

By Dick Hinder compacted weight handicap for the other runners.

"But he would be the first horse since L'Escargot to com-plete the Gold Cup-National double and it westld crown a marvellons cares?"

marvelious career." The Seagram chairman added: "Without wishing to detract from Desert Orchid's achievements, the dearth of good staying chasers is pathetic. It is essential to try and encourage more young staying chasers."
He outlined an incentive this

year of introducing a novice triple crows for three-mile nov-ice chasers with a £10,000 bonus points system for horses compet-ing in the Reynoldstown Chase "I fear though Christopher at Ascot (February 7), Sun Mordaunt, the handicappez, will have to give him over 12 stone, and then there are problems of a Aintree's Mumms Club Nov-

ices' Chase (April 5) with a horse winning all three events receiving a further £50,000. With or without Desert Orwith or windom Desert Or-chid, the Grand National is now very much on a sound footing, and prize-money at this year's meeting (April 5 to 7) looks set to reach a record £500,000, including an estimated £120,000 for the Grand National itself.

Three new races feature in this year's programme. The Chivas Regal Amateur Riders Novices' Chase immediately follows the National, the Janneau Armagnac Handicap Hurdle is now the fifth race on the Saturday card, and there is the reappearance of a top-class bumper, the Seagram Supreme National Hunt Flat race, as the seventh race on the Thursday

programme. SOUTHWELL

1.55 STILTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,534: 2m 4f) sh. 6-1 Prince Celtic, 10-1 Shirter 8-11 Ardour, 7-2 Whitewa

2.25 CAMEMBERT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,646:

Evens Clos Du Bois, 3-1 Koo, 8-1 Shalbood, 10-1 Carlite, 12-1 Cajun Dencer, 20-1 others. 2.55 CHEDDAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,687: 2m

7-4 High Finance, 11-4 Kuwait Mutar, 4-1 Dubel, 6-1 Fifth ampt, 8-1 Mubasris, 16-1 Dear Bob.

3.25 BRIE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,756: 2m) (3) 1 1161 HELL BEAGLE 5 (CD,F,S) W Clay 10-11-12 (Sex) R Berea (7)

2 2550 ROSCOE THE BRAVE 28 (D.F.S) S Kettlewell 5-11-10 R Gantilly 2 2000 No. CO) R Holikshead 5-10-11 (Sex)

8 -SG1 SULUK 5 (CD) R Holikshead 5-10-11 (Sex)

Gary Lyone (S)

11-10 Hill Beagle, 15-8 Suluk, 5-2 Roscoe The Brave.

JOCKEYE: J Lover, 8 witness from 18 rides, 44.4%; S Smith-Scotes, 7 from 36, 19.4%; H Davies, 5 from 37, 13.5%; C Smith, 3 from 24, 12.5%; M Brennen, 17 from 165, 10.3%. (Only qualification) Leicester results

Gaing: good

1.15 (2m Indie) 1, BREMENILL ROSE (1)
Osborne, 20-1); 2, Nitele (R Bellarm, 6-4
Stryl; 3, Uncite Estate (M Dwyer, 4-1); ALSO
RAN: 9-2 Det Train (4th), 6 Sharron's
Royala, 16 Squiedze Play, 20 Final Sound
650; Le Piccolagne, 25 Finalsopolis, Hiram B
Birdosth, 33 Bold Imp (6th), Sudire, 50
Emma Tom Bay, Gold Justice, Hurry On
Harry, Tyrian King, Whieleay Blues, Macham
Taylor, Miss Fern, Scallymere, Umbrelle
Girl, March Folly (but, 22 ran. 254), 3, 3, nk,
1%1. O Sherwood at Urper Lambourn.
Toler: 250-70: 19,00, 21,50, 22,0. DF;
1725:80. CSF: 251.36, After a stewards'
inquiry, result stood.



RAPID • 0898 · 168 · 168 1.45 (2m ch) 1, TORT (S.J.O'Neill, 10-1);
2, Astre Racliners (S. Coustey, 11-2; 3, Ballishaesaig (R. Surpie, 5-2; ALSO RAN: 2 tay Major Eriort (8th), 10 Ainsty Fox, 12 Cois Na Henhama, 16 Priscillian (4th), Tara Boy, 25 Rehab Venture, Tenscount, Atatouri (5th), 50 Henwisse Dale, Wayward Luisa, Rousada, Fishing Seeson (f), Affairman Riest, 16 ran. NR: Heron Valley, 7, 4, 8, 5, 294, J. Mackie at Church Broughton, Tote: 28.50; 22.60, 27.70, 21.50. Dual forecast, 525.50. CSF: 555.54. forecast: £25.90. CSF: £65.54.
2.15 (2m st ch) 1, WARNER'S END (M Lynch, 18-1); 2, Sheer Pale (J Raibon, 11-2); 3, Tearnia (J White, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 3 8-tav Socks Downs (8th), Crock-Ne-Nee (4th), 7 inspector Ben (5th), 10 Master Of Lyric, 33 Ravensdale Rosd, 8 ran, Nk, 151, 81, 41, 71, J Webber at Banbury, Tota: 153.01; £2.30, £1.80, £1.40, DF: £35.40, CSF: £92.99, Tricest: £348.09.

CSF: 52295. Tricast: 5248.09.

2.45 (Sm cit) 1. ROYAL ATHLETE (M Pilmen, 4-5 tm); 2. Randolph Crascest (J Ochorne, 14-1); 3. Dismas Bestiny (G Bohane, 33-1). ALSO RAN. 7-2 The Nigastan (ur), 8 Up And Coming (nu), 12 Ballintween, 14 Speakers Corner (44h), 25 Snowfre Chap (5th), 33 Figurish Parige (f). Unde Raggy (6th), 66 Another Nortchit (pti), Fred's Head, Franch Habitat (f), Powys (f), Pry's-by (pu), Runchite, Sweet Strenta. 17 ran. NFC Always Tabling, Timely Star. 10, 61, 61, 41, 101. Mrs. J. Pfrana is Upper Lambourn. Tota: £2.90; £1.20, £2.20, £12.00. Dual forecest: £16.70. CSF: £14.34.

1.15 (2m hdie) 1. LISSAHANE LASS (M

Torscest 216.70. CSF: 214.34.

3.15 (2m hdis) 1, LISSAHANE LASS (M Richards, 4-1); 2, Bordeaux Beau (J Ostorne, 11-4 |k-fav); 2, Rakes Lane (T Morgan, 11-4 |k-fav); 2, Rakes Lane (T Morgan, 11-4 |k-fav); 1.1-2 Forced March (Sh); 14 Hard Staff (Sh), 20 Around And Anout, Brookino, Saadous, 25 Chess Mistress, 33 Lockerre, Stop Two, Come Halley, 50 Boruss Boy, Forget The Blues, Miss Haddon, Boruhis, 17 na. NR: Reskout 7, 21, 44, 62, 251, P Hedger at Chichester. Tota: 25.30; 52.20, \$1.40, 21.40. DF: 215.30. CSF: \$17.37.

21.40. DF: £15.30. CSF: £17.37.

2.45 (2m hdis) 1. RiCH NEPHEW (M Perrett, 9-1); 2. Bebesse The Sheets (M Lodder, 5-1 fav); 3. Moore Stylish (D Murphy, 10-1); 4. High Bid (S Davies, 25-1). ALSO RANE 6 Mourbain Man (pd), 8 Validid, 9 Clear Call, Big Diamond, 10 Switt Melody, Bickerman (Sin), Grossen, 16 Tour De Force, 20 Rickeston Led, Woodenbridge, Doby Wardsnoe (Sin), 25 Ore To Mark, 33 Other, Badrock, 50 Emericals, Trassure Lord, Reindeer Walk, 21 ran. 6, 11, 14, 13, 5, C. Weedon at Chidingfold, 11, 14, 13, 6, C Weedon at Chidingfold, 10 to 12, 13, 16, CSF: 257.43, Tricsst: £449.29.

Newton Abbot

Going: heavy

1.0 (2m 150/d hdle) 1, SHADIEUX (P Scudamore, 5-4 fav); 2, Midfielder (Peter Hobbs, 13-6); 3, Merry Marigold (N Marm, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 6 Best Ettert (Sm), 33 Whitecombe Warnfor (6th), 40 First Admiral, 65 Addington Prince (pu), Careless Laf (4th), Featrless Native, Swinging Noe Jos. Springiator's Lady (pu), Time On My Hands (pu), 12 ma. NRT: Men For All Sasson. 124, 251, 291, 21, 15. M Pipe at Weilington. Tota: c3.00: £1.50, £1.10, £1.40, DF: £1.70, CSF: £3.48.

23.48.
1.30 (2m 150)d chi 1. ANNETTE'S DE-LIGHT (2m 150)d chi 1. ANNETTE'S DE-LIGHT (2m 150)d chi 150; 2. Redaily (P Scudemore, 13-2); 3. Fourth Protocol (A Forte, 33-1). ALSO PAN: 7-2 ji-tav Kings Wild, 9-2 Kashili, 12 Cloud Chester, 14 An-other Brownie (5th), 20 Leg Up, Oli Fever

(f), 25 Sir Lester, Tongsunlän (4th), 33 Ronocco (pu), Emmadif (6th), 66 Playfields, 14 ran, B, 32 (20, 15; 5), G Gracey at Ascottone 54,60; 51,80, 51,90, 52,20, DF: 55,20, CSF: £24,07, Tricast: £583,68, No bid. CSF: £24.07. Tricast: £563.68. No but.
2.0 (3m 2*1 100 of chi 1, 1.AST HOUSE (D
Gatisgher, 8-1); 2, Yiragam (S Esrie, 11-8
tavi: 3, Capeli Care (B Fowel, 10-1). ALSO
RAH: 7-4 Pariazvoustrancais (pu), 25
Christo (pu), Cona Gian (4th), Streetingher (1, 50 Mr Dymamic (pu), 56 Beach Tiger (I), Celtic Capri (5th), Dingle Jack (pu), Gaterio (pu), Nougal Russe (pu), Sportsnews (6th).
Granny Pray On (pu), Saucy Ministral (1), 16
ran. 20, 25, nit, 15i, 3t. Mrs M Essian at Fordisgeholps. Total: £11.10; £2.10, £120, 21.50, DF: £7.30. CSF-£1851. Fordingbridge, Toist 211.10; 52.10, 51.20, 51.60, Dr. 27.30, CSF. 518.51.

2.80 (2m 5f 110)rd holle 1, 88SS RECK (P-Sculamore, 15-2f; 2, How Majestic (A Mutholiand, 8-1; 3, G W Superstate (A Tory, 50-1), ALSO FAN: 5 R-tay Air Streak, Rydewells Deughter (Reh., 6 Rare Luck (4th), 9 Cadford Girl, 10 Grace Moore (5th), Ballyeden (pd., 11 Almost Caught, 14 Fummix (pd), 20 Cut Above The Rest (pu), 50 Border Cherry, Junior Lancaster (pd), Nota-Permyless (pd), Snowy Actume, 16 ran, 3i, 1, 14, 16, 16, 12, N Twiston-Device, at Chellanham. Tols: 51.10; 22.50, 52.40, 517.00, DF: 527.00, CSF: 525.94.

3.9 (2m 5f ch) 1, JOHNS PRESENT (N Marn, 5-2); 2. Clear Choice (H Davies, 9-4 fav); 3, Brussten Olivia (P Richards, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Master Bern (pd), 9 Problem Child (pd), 14 Boliver Prince (4th), 33 Wimblesdel (no), 7 ran, 15, 8, 10, R Hödder at Bristol, Tote: £3.50; £2.10, £1.50, DF: 51.90, CSF: 27.77.

3.30 (2m 150)rd hole) 1, DOC'S COAT (B

£1.90, CSF: £7.77.
3.30 (2m 150yd hole) 1, DOC'S COAT (B Wright, 8-1); 2, Cattic Dove (S Earle, 9-1); 3, Pondered Bild (S Turner, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 saw Dominion Treasure (461), 4 Mighty Prince, 13-2 Garda's Gold, 8 Noble Eyre Sth. 9 Canatilly Lace (f), 20 Horatien, 33 Into The Trees, Crown And Horne (5th., Asticot. 12 ran. 201, 11, 11, 17, 134. C Wildlings at Spissbury. Tota: £13.20; £3.10, £3.50, £3.50. DF: £27.40. CSF: £70.62. Tricast: £789.63. Placepot £117.00

Lingfield park Going: standard

1.16 (Im 2) 1, Jacamer (P Biomheid, 100-30 lav); 2, Beechwood Cottage (5-1); 3, Acontum (4-1), 8 ran. 3, 12, B Hardury, Tote: 52, 10; £1.40, £1.90, £1.70, DF. 58.30, CSP: £16.05, Tricast £53.59. CSP: £16.05. Tricust: £53.99.
1.40 (Im 41, Hot Company (N Adams, 6-1): 2. Hospitable (Io-1): 3. Tring Park (5-1): Vintage Port 6-4 tav. 9 ran. 2. Tsl. D Surchell. Total: £7.10; £1.60, £4.30, £1.50. DF: £28.00. CSP: £62.79.
2.40 (8) 1. Hogant Rose (N Adams, 5-4 tav): 2. Sarrand (11-4): 3. brieff (7-2). 6 ran. 31. 31. 0 O'Nell. Total: £2.00; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £5.30. CSF: £5.30.
2.40 (5) 1. Blazing Sansel (T Williams, 4-1): 2. Musical Flash (6-4 tav): 3. Little Bloop (13-2): 5 ran. 1, 4. D Wilson. Total: £3.00. £4.20, £1.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £10.39.
3.10 (77) 1. Count Me Out (N Adams, 11-

210.39, 3.10 (7) 1, Count Me Out (N Adems, 11-2); 2, Champion Girl (15-2); 3, Selly's Son (9-4 tax), 11 ran, 2/51, 3; R Hoad, Ton: 25.30; 21.30, 21.50, 21.50, 07; 248.50, CSF: 247.22; Tricess E 112.10, 3.40 (8) 1, Nacion (J Williams, 9-4); 2: Jovist Kare (11-10 tax); 3, Ristion Of Passion (20-1); 10 ran, 26, 3; W O'Gorman, Tota: 23.90; 21.10, £1.10, £3.50, DF: £7.60, CSF: £5.71.

ner Richard Burridge said yesterday.

"He will almost certainly be entered but there is a big difference between entering and actually taking part," Burridge

"His main objectives in the second half of this season have always been the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Whithread Gold Cup at Sandown, and that

remains the position.
"Because the National is a one-off handicap you cannot sensibly discuss the race without knowing what the weights are,

Going: soft

1.00 Good Spark. 1.30 Cash Is King. 2.00 Nuns Little One.

FORM FOCUS DAILY SPORT SOON
41 defeat of Heir Of Excitment at Uttowater (2m.
good to firm) in October; 22%; 37d to invasion over
the same course (2m.4f, good to soft) lest time.

the same course (on 4; good to son) ask time. CLEAN THROUGH 251 4th of 14 to Ri-Na-Rithams over course and distance (soft) lest time. Improving. GOOD SPARIK impressive 201 where from Sharpgun at Polikastone (2m 100yd, good to firm); hampered 31 2nd of 17 to Able Leader over course

FORM FOCUS MR GOSSIP, a good staying hunder last term, made a winning debut over fences at Towcester (2m Si 110yd, good) beating Bit Of A Clown by a head with BRONZE FINAL (7to better off) a head 3rd.

CASH IS KING switches to fences after beating Bradbury Star 2% I in a handleap hurdle at Kempton

FORM FOCUS UP THE LADDER 151
Flutter at Windsor (2m Styld, good) last time; earlier easily beat Wycombe Lady 31 at Hereford (2m, heavy) with PREWSTYLE pulled up.

WOODKNOT hard ridden to Arable Land 71 at Stratford (2m, good). NUNS LITTLE ONE 351 3rd of

1.30 PEVENSEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,374: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

2.0 WIVELSFIELD SELLING HURDLE (21,730: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

0045-0 SHARIFFORD 13 (Mrs L Browning D Browning 5-11-7.
P. SHOKRAN 2818 (B) (Mrs R Borner) R Simpson 5-11-7.

OP HETTA LOUISE 32 (M Mitchell) J Bliott 5-11-2.

3528F3 NURS LITTLE ONE 9 (Mrs C Williams) J Bradley 5-11-2.

P.P. PREWSTYLE 18 (IV) (O Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 5-11-2.

00PP KWI 9 (9) (F Grey) F Grey 4-10-9.

163204 LBRCHR 13 (F) (K Higson) A Moore 4-10-9.

PLOND ROLFE 22 (L Wells) J Davies 4-10-9.

0 ON THE ROCKS 21 (D Bowlett) J Sayers 4-10-4.

6 STELLAJOE 11 (J Stone) A Davison 4-10-4.

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on January 24 and the weights will be known on February 6. Although Desert Orchid will probably miss Aintree this time Burridge does not discount tack-ling the National next year. "I have always liked it as a race and I think it would suit Desert Orchid," he said.

Being a front-runner would help keep him out of trouble with loose horses and the fences would hold no terrors for him. I would not lose any sleep if he were to run there tomorrow."

2.30 Royal Battery.

3.00 Members' Revenge.
3.30 SUDDEN VICTORY (nap).

______ D Murphy 92 ______ J White 82 _____ J Reliton (3) — _____ J Leech (5) • 99 ___ P Collins (7) — _____ W Invine (3) 75 _____ G Moore 71

..... J Frost ... R Goldstein

R Rowe © 99
.... J White 93
... G Moore 76
... B Powell --... M Pitman ---

D Gallegher (3)
..... M Richards
...... G Davies

and distance (soft) last time.

PATROL LEADER encouraging 22! 4th of 15 to Trefelyn Cone in a National Hunt Flat race at Ludow (2m. good). PLAUSBILE promising 2! 2nd of 23 to Webbs Wonder at Warwick (2m. good).

ROBBIE BURNS 4! 2nd to Tiger Claw at Newbury (2m 100/yd, good fo firm), creditable 7%! 6th of 16 to Star Of The Glen over the same course and distance toors! lest time.

(2m 41, good). JAZZY JEMPER showed promise last season, notably when 2'x13rd of 9 to Major Match at Ludlow (2m41, soft). FISHING SMACK consistent but one paced; best effort at Folkestone (2m 41, good) when 51 2nd of 15 to Fit For Firing with DANCING SALLERINA (same terms) 41 4th.

17 to Punchbeg at Devon (2m 11, soft) with KWI pulled up; has rush well in better company, notably when 81 2nd of 9 finishers to Diames Destiny at Wolverhampton (2m 61 110yd, good). LIRCHUR 221 4th of 11 to Cohe Valley Lad here (2m, soft) with SHARPFORD talled off.

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Selections

By Mandarin

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 SUDDEN VICTORY.

BETTING: 9-4 Good Spark, 11-4 Plausible, 4-1 Clean Through, 6-1 Patrol Leader, 8-1 Daily Sport Soon, 12-1 Robbie Burns, 18-1 others.

1959: KETTI 4-10-6 H Davies (5-2) D Grissell 18 ran

1939: ROSCOE HARVEY 7-11-3 P Soudamore (15-8 fav) C Brooks 15 ran

1.0 CROWBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,360: 2m) (16 runners)

CROWBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,360: 2m) (16 runns 0-1243 DALY SPORT SCON 19 (D.F.) (J Livock) J Jentons 5-11-6.

04 CLEAN THROUGH 13 (P McCalmont) N Henderson 5-11-3.

P CORNAISEE 11 (Mrs B Serjeard) S Woodman 6-11-3.

21012 GOOD SPARK 13 (D.BF.F.G) (Mrs S Crowe) R Akehurst 4-11-3.

F JUST A BOOZER 21 (Mrs A Piper) D Gressel 6-11-3.

5320-00 MELPONID BOY 9 (R Hodges) R Hodges 6-11-3.

4 PATROL LEADER 19 (P Bonner) Mrs J Priman 5-11-3.

2 PLAUSIGLE 12 (Unicom Bloodstock and Racing Ltd) K Brassey 5-11-3.

P SAFE DISTANCE 11 (Mrs E Edwards) Mrs P O'Connor 5-11-3.

500-00 TALAB 11 (Mrs N Funke) J Radmond 5-11-3.

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BOLD CHOICE 160F (J Joseph) J Joseph 4-10-5.

GRAND LOU (Mrs 1 Ripley) G Ripbey 4-10-0.

ROSE FESTIVAL 6F (Mrs J Hickey) R O'Sulfivan 4-10-0.

BETTING: 9-4 Good Spark, 11-4 Pleusible, 4-1 Clean Through, 6-1 Patrol Leader, (

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telling me where and where not to run him," Burridge said.
"People have a perception of the National as a dangerous race but there is a risk wherever you run a horse. You cannot guarantee safety anywhere."

"I constantly receive letters

David Elsworth, Desert Orchid's trainer, was yesterday cautious about encouraging a heated public debate over a race which is still three months away.

ers to run there tomorrow."

Burridge's position is comDesert Orchid will participate

handicapper gives him."

There is no upper limit to the National weights but the top weight must carry not less than 11st 10lb. Burrough Hill Lad, the winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1984, was alloted 12st 4lb in the National, to the undisguised anger of his trainer,

Desert Orchid's immediate future will be governed by his recovery from a bout of cough-ing. "He is still coughing but we have not written off the Sandown race just yet," Burridge

said. "Failing that we could go to Wincanton for the Jim Ford Chase, and the PZ Mower Chase at Thurles gives us another

● The Charlie Brooks-trained All Jeff (Peter Scudamore) contests the £11,579 Prix du Comte de Nice, a steeplechase over 2m

5f, at Cagnes-sur-Mer this afternoon. • Carvill's Hill faces an appar-

ently simple task against four opponents in the Arlington Premier Chase Series Qualifier at Punchestown today.

• See You Then, the former triple champion hurdler, continues his comeback with a gallop after racing at Wincanton tomorrow.

Guide to our in-line racecard 1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) S Hall 12-0

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in P-pulled up. U-unseated rider, B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused. D-disqualitied. Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B-binkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course and winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). The firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. Trailer, Age and weight. Rider visually statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race). Going on which horse has won fell statest race. 2.30 PORTSLADE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,364: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Royal Battery, 5-2 Sconer Still, 9-2 Proventual Rose, 6-1 Sir Wager, 8-1 Chais Du dateur, 10-1 others.

1989: DR PEPPER 12-9-12 N Hawke (3-1) D Barons 5 ran

FORM FOCUS SOONER STILL, a useful handicap hurdler, has disappointed slightly over fences: 241 3rd to French Gobin at Kempton (3m. good) last time. ROYAL BATTERY 101 2nd to Combertnere at Devon (3m1f., soft) last time. SIR WAGER, course and distance winner on heavy ground last tern, just over 107 3rd of 5 to No One 7a Blame over course and

CHAIS DU FONDATEUR disappointing since win-ning a novice chase over 2m 4t (good) here last season. TUNERLE JACK, taled off behind Dercander on his seasonal debut at Folkestone (3m 2t, good); comes into the reckoning on 7t defeat of Guici's Rag at Southwell (3m 110yd, heavy) last term.

3.0 COOKSBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,089: 2m) (9 runners)

Long handicep: Father Pacidy 9-10. BETTING: 3-1 Members' Revenge, 7-2 Schail, 4-1 Shangoseer, 6-1 Green Marble, 8-1 Majuba Road, Borenco, 12-1 St William, 16-1 others. 1989: MAITREDEE 10-11-3 T Machell (2-1) N Mitchell 4 ran

FORM FOCUS SOHAL, a winner over course and distance (firm) scaler in the season, staying-on 61 2nd to Kersti at Sedgefield (2m, good to earlt) text time.

NEMBERS' REVENCE weakened flat when 8141 3rd to Noble Eyre at Stratford (2m, good) on seasonal reappearance. GREEN MARBLE ridden out to beet Treble Chance by 87 over course and distance (soft)

last time with MAJUBA ROAD (7th better off) another 11 3rd and SOHARL a falser. SHANGOSEER has claims on 3i defeat of Royal Cracker at Leicester (2m, soft) last term. ST WILLIAM, well-handicapped on his best form, was a disappointing 25% I 3rd to The Leggett at Teumton (2m 110yd, soft) last time with SLUE DANUBE a further 161 5th. ON: GREEN MARBLE

3.30 CROWBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,360: 2m) (17 runners)

.... G Moore 58 J Leech (5) 82 K Burke ---64 --99 R Goldstein
.. K Mooney
. M Bowley
.. M Pitman
... D Monie A Smyth (7) BETTING: 4-6 Sudden Victory, 7-2 Tit Tech Flyer, 9-2 Regal Lake, 12-1 Claudia Pascal, 16-1 Bahrain Bridge, 20-1 Coine Valley Kid, 25-1 others.

1989: KETTI 4-10-6 H Devies (5-2) D Grissell 18 ran

FORM FOCUS COLNE VALLEY KID best Shot And Shell by 151 over course and distance (soft) last time but faces sterner opposition here.

TILT TECH PLYER pushed out to best Crashing Bore by 151 at Folkestone (2m 100yd, soft) with AL SAHE, 121 5th. May improve further. BAHRAIN BRIDGE drops back in distance after a 3%1 3rd to Cardinal Raiph at Fontwell (2m 6f, good).

REGAL LAKE made a pleasing hurdles debut when beating Lissehane Lass by 1%I at Taunton (2m 110yd, soft).

Course specialists

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BETTRNG: 11-4 Up The Ladder, 7-2 Woodknot, 4-1 Nuns Little One, 8-1 Linchur, 7-1 Otte-P, 8-1 Shokran, 1 Stellajoe, 12-1 Fleetwood Lass, 14-1 others.

1989: FORT WAPPING 5-11-3 Candy Morris (8-1) A Moore 10 ran

Selections

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By Michael Seely

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BETTING: 13-8 Teddy Bruere, 9-2 Frishney Dele Lad, 6-1 Regal Estate, 8-1 Arpel Forever, 10-1 Break wer Shepherd, The Chain, 12-1 Scarning Dale, 16-1 others. 1969: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

12.45 MAXTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,744: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

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P33-2 STAG HUNTER 30 (R Brewis) R Brewis 6-11-4 Q Harter
00 MATRACE 16 (J Hackson) J Haidane 5-10-13 T Reed
0-00 RUM PET RUM 20 (J Beck) J Beck 5-10-13 N Leach (7)
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SETTING: 7-4 Jesters Prospect, 3-1 Garry Odder, 4-1 Stag Hunter, 10-1 Manhattan Chase, 12-1 Shoon Hill, The Plain Wain, 14-1 Statyford Lane, 15-1 others. 1989: HIGHERETH 6-11-4 Mr P Doyle (11-8) G Richards 8 ran

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3.15 JANUARY BUMPER NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,660: 1m 5f) (12

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CROSSGLEN (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-11-10 ...
4 DICKIE'S GIN 19 (A Dickinson) T Tate 6-11-10 ...
METROPOLIS DANCER (J Fox) J S Wison 5-11-10 ...
OFF THE BRU (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-10 ...
OVER THE STYX (Mrs C Shaw) G Richards 5-11-10 ...
WESTWARD DRIFT (P Cox) G Richards 5-11-10 ...
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Hr J Brachune Mr R Hale (7)

3.45 JANUARY BUMPER NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,534: 1m 5f) (11

P Harto (3) —
R Bellerry (5) —
T P White __ N Smith (7) BETTING: 11-8 Meduck, 3-1 Foggy Scotch, 4-1 Solo Cornet, 5-1 Wayside Boy, 8-1 others. 1989: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

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Putting an end to the race of the corrupt

football club - from Dynamo Bucharest to Jnirea Tricolor - and disbanding a few sides associated with the more abject institutions of the Ceausescu regime will not satisfy increasingly assertive public opinion in

"Do you know how many clean games Corvinul Hunedoara have played in the first half of the season?" Romulus Gabor, the international, said. "Well, I'll tell you. Only three out of 17. The rest were all fixed."The championship league became a race of the corrupt

Cosmetic changes will not do because suspicion and recriminations are a way of life these days. The bloodshed and the years of repression make much-needed reconciliation extremely difficult and haste after the recent events could be regarded as indecent.

On the one hand, the provisional leadership of the Romanian Football Federation (FRF) has to ensure that the nation's international commitments, its presence in the World Cup finals this summer in particular, are fulfilled. The league is due to restart, in a modified form, in the spring - the harshness of the Romanian winter forces a split season - and the national team needs a calming down period after the traumas of the last few weeks.

On the other hand, the legacy of the previous regime makes a return to normality difficult. The makeshift wooden cross adorned with the hats of the teenagers massacred in the centre of Bucharest stands only a few hundred yards from the headquarters of the Romanian sports ministry and the football federation, providing a tragic re-minder of the magnitude of the

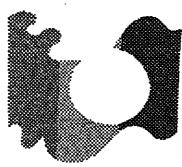
Initially, Valentin Ceausescu, the son of the president, was invited to become "master" of Steaua to prevent the intimidation used by their foremost opponents, Dynamo, the team of the Ministry of the Interior. Soon Steaua becam the perpetrators of the same kind of excesses. The head of the Securitate, General Tudor Postelnicu, became the patron of Flacara Moreni.

The Barbulescu clan, the relatives of Ceausescu in the village of Scornicesti, sponsored FC Olt. Nicu, the heir-apparent, became the "supporter" of Inter Sibiu while the top brass in Bucharest Securitate threw their weight behind Victoria

Universitatae Craiova and Poli Timisoara became the symbols of dissidence in football. While the students from Timisoara paid for their gallant attempt to challenge with relegation, the former champions. Universitatae Craiova, became the leading resistance club against injustice in football.

Universitatae's wins against Steaua Dynamo, Victoria and Olt were greeted by supporters throughout the country as triumphs for

ot unexpectedly, the free football fraternity in Romania voted the full back, Gheorghe Popescu, of Craiova, as the best player of 1989. Despite



AFTER THE REVOLUTION

Romania has long been renowned for sporting excellence. Chris Thau,

a Romanian journalist who is based in

England, has returned to his homeland to see how the fall of the

Ceausescu regime has affected sport and

sportsmen there. In the second of a three-part series, he considers how the upheavals will affect

the national football team as it prepares for the World Cup finals and how the rugby

union side has suffered the heaviest losses

the attempts of the Ceausescus to

poach him for the army club. "During my national service, when I was at a school for reserve officers, llie Ceausescu once sent three armed soldiers to take me to him in order to intimidate me into signing for Steaua," Popescu said. "I told him they can do anything they wanted with me but I was not

going to play for Steaua."

The corruption theme is present in every newspaper article in the Romania's free Press. The appointments of referees have come under fire and they are going to be investigated. Newspapers write about how senior Romanian football clubs began to dictate to the editor of Sportul, Cornel Popescu, the appointment of sympathetic writers to cover their matches. However, personalities like Gheorghe Popescu and the former international goalkeeper, Ion

Voinescu, refused to compromise. The Football Federation became a genuine Mafia," Voinescu, still a legendary name in Roma-

After the revolution, Voinescu, who won 40 caps between 1949 and 1962, has decided to pick up his association with football and tackle some of the ills which afflicted the game. "I have to confess I was not a hero," he said. "I did not join the revolution. It rather swept me away. I live near television and I went out to buy some bread and there it was, a huge column of youngsters. Suddenly, someone recognized me and shouted:

"Voinescu is here". Very soon everyone was chanting: "Voinescu is with us," and they cheered endlessly. "I have been cheered many a time on various stadiums. But this was something special. This was real life. It was the first time I was cheered as a citizen. I can safely

portant experience of my life.

Suddenly, I felt ashamed. Those

kids were prepared to die to

change the face of the country and I was unable to take a moral stand. This was a moral revolution. The youngsters wanted to get rid

of the old ways. I'm just worried now that some people are trying to hijack the revolution."

Stark symbol of a nation's sacrifice: the wooden cross in Bucharest

There are few people so well placed as Voinescu to effect change. Even one of the new deputy sports ministers, the former football international, Cornel Dinu. must overcome criticism attracted by his association with both Dynamo Bucharest and FC Olt, as a player and a coach respectively.

However, he was the first athlete to appear on television publicly supporting the National and he was rewarded with an official position, a decision criticized by several newspapers.

The Sports Minister, Mircea

annual general meeting on February 5. He is a competent administrator and, as in most other walks of life in Romania, he is needed, since there is a shortage of competent sports administrators able to nurture Romanian sports through this difficult period Angelescu is helped by three

vice-presidents, Dinu, Stefan Covaci, the former manager of Ajax Amsterdam, and lon Alexandrescu. Voinescu has warm words

about his former club-mate in the ager of Romania, Emeric Jenei. "Jenei was always a very correct

man," he said. "While he was manager of Steaua he maintained Angelescu, made clear that he a precarious balance between the intends to stand down as president needs of the team and the deof the Football Federation at the mands of the 'patrons'. After the



team won the European Cup he got involved in a series of ex-changes with General Ilie Ceausescu, who kept threatening him with dismissal.

"I remember once when Jenei, really fed up, challenged the general saying: Sir, stop threatening me. If you don't like what I do, please let me go.' Luckily, Jenei became the coach of the national

The former Romanian manager, Mircea Lucescu, now in charge of Unirea Tricolor, also commands respect. Although essociated with a dreaded police chib as a player and coach, Lucescu never became a heavyhanded football dictator.

While FC Olt and Victoria Bucharest have been disbanded their players have been given free transfers to join either their former clubs or new ones - the future of Flacara Moreni seems uncertain. No decision has yet been taken on the fate of two military clubs, Steaua and Dynamo.

Dynamo's hasty change of name to Unirea Tricolor led to a series of protests from former members of the pre-war Unirea Tricolor club (the name taken over by a textile firm for more than two decades). Butthey will take part in the semi-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup against PartizanBelgrade.

Both Dynamo and Steaua will have to go in their present form and we must find a different method of funding them," Angelescu said. "We want them to be independent from their present sponsors and in the future their budget will be provided by the sports ministry rather than the army and the police. In the end, they'll have to become self-financ-

ing structures." Once the perks associated with who offer better deals. It is

reported that the the leading Steams player, Hagi, has continued his former club, Spartal Studentesc, for a possible transfer. Yet he is unlikely to last long in Romania. It is expected that he will sign a lucrative deal with an Italian club after the World Cup.

The new secretary of the Romanian federation, the former international, Mircea Sandu, said: Romanian football is going to develop the professional structure. The details are not yet definitive. The players will form their own trade union. The championship is to be restructured into two pools of eight between March and the end of the season. The federation is looking for new headquarters to set up an independent administration."

He added that on January 25 Romania would start preparing for the World Cup finals with a three-match tour to France and

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In a remarkable change of approach, the Romanian federation has invited Miodrag Belodedici, previously much a criticized for defecting to Yugo-slavia a few years ago, to play for Romania in the World Cup. The manager, Emeric Jenei, spoke with Belodedici and Red Star Belgrade officials on the phoné and will fly to Belgrade shortly, hoping to remove any remaining obstacle for Belodedici joining the Romanian squad in Italy.

Belodedici has expressed an interest in playing for Romania. whether his former teammates, like Iovan, Hagi, Lacatus, Lung, Sabau or Popescu, will ever forgive him for his decision to defect or, as he put it, "to let them down

There is very little doubt that the rest of the Romanian team will welcome the return of such an playing for Steaua or Dynamo are outstanding player. Most will gone, the players will try to rejoin receive him with open arms with a either their former clubs or those kind of affection and understanding.

A nation remembers the martyrs who led by example



ing dead heroes. The often empty phrase "leading by example," used in match reports, has acquired a terrible meaning during the bloody days of the revolution. The Romanian rugby fraternity lost five brave men, who died

either in a hail of bullets or were crushed to death by tanks, the greatest toll of any sport in the country. The names of my departed friends, Florica Murariu and Radu Durbac, both former captains of Romania, have already attracted international attention but men-

tion must be made of others, the equally brave Florin Butiri, Mihai Toporan and Stan Bogdan, who died, and of Constantin Christian and Vasile Ungureanu, who were injured. They died to make sure that we

are free. We have an obligation towards them. We cannot disappoint our martyrs," Radu Demian, the interim secretary of the Romanian Rugby Federation, said. The main priority of the new secretary — who played at No. 8 for Romania and Toulon in France during the Sixties - is to organize the first free election in the postwar history of the federation.

Second, he has to devise survival plans for rugby after a decade of neglect and downright hostility from the communist authorities because of the sport's Western outlook and the close friendship which developed between players and administrators on either side of the now drawn Iron Curtain.

Two years ago Demian rejected an offer to become the secretary of the federation: "I refused to be appointed simply because the former National Sports Council was like a sandcastle, a structure ready to collapse because of the petence and indifference of

Romanian sport," he said.
"The decline of Romanian rugby

internationally is just a reflection of the desperate state of the game in the country. We don't have grounds. We have fewer grounds now than we had 10 years ago. There are clubs where they simply cannot afford to buy jerseys.
"We can't afford to buy boots

and balls because we couldn't spend any hard currency. The daily allowance for food for players were not enough even to cater for the breakfast. And the activist who had run the sport expected us to be able to match France and England."
Romanian rugby officials have

broken the Ceausescu legal strait-jacket to be able to survive. Romanian players were forbidden by the tyrant's laws to keep more than about 22 of their daily Inter-national Rugby Board allowance.

By David Hands

committee meets next month

has since canvassed various

their tour to Australia in 1988

but both France and Scotland

late February in order to de-

velop their rugby.

Mihalache simply ignored the law. The commis sears of Romanian sport were left unaware of Romania's membership to the International Rugby Board.

In 1987, after the World Cup, the then Romanian secretary, Christache Mitrea, and the coaching administrator, Dumitru Mihalache, decided to sign the application form without the knowledge of their superiors. I smuggled the paper est of the country and a day later it landed on the desk of Bob Weighill secretary of the English Rugby Football Union]. Romania became an associate member of the board and was accepted to play in the World Cap.

The frustration and anger of the Romanian players led to countless defections and one of the earliest decisions of the newly installed authorities was to cancel the which labelled the athletes traitors and sentenced them to many years

Two of the most recent defectors, Laurentiu Constantin, who defected in Agen in 1987 and Christian Raducanu, who stayed behind in Edinburgh last Decem-ber, have been invited to play for Romania in Italy in April and against France in May. Viorel Morain, who had been

thrown out of his job coaching his club, Grivita Rosie, after the defection of his son Octavian, has re-emerged among the group of determined men willing to put Romanian ragby back on the map. The former coaching admin-

istrator, Valeria Irimesca, one of the architects of Romania's ascendency during the 1970s and early 1980s, is also among them. However, the Romanians are faced with players in the country has declined steadily to the present all-time low of about 6,000 to 7,000. Demian said: "We are unable to

go on tour this year to Japan and New Zealand. We are aware that the cancellation of a regby tour is a terrible blow to the host m we ask both Japan and New Zealand to show understanding for our predicament in this hour of need. We need time to rebuild.

"And one more thing, on behalf of our youngsters deprived of any Western rugby television coverag for more than a decade, we appe to those who could help to give Romania free coverage of this year's Patiess' five championship."

TOMORROW How Olympic sports

benefit from the revolution

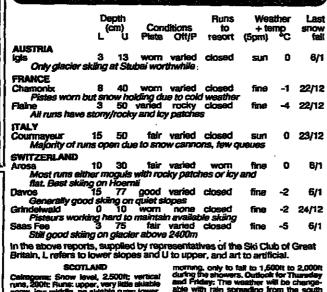
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The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) hopes to be able to announce plans for an end-of-season tour when its general Last month the prospect of a visit to Japan fell through because of involvement in World Cup qualifying matches, and the WRU tours committee alternatives likely to offer meaningful preparation for the Tonga indicated yesterday that they would be prepared to host the Welsh, against whom they played in 1986 and during the 1987 World Cup. Taniela Tukia, the Tongan Rugby Union secretary, said a short tour would help both countries in their preparations for the morrang, only to fall to 1,500tt to 2,000tt during the showers. Outlook for Thursday and Friday: The waster will be changeable with rain spreading from the south borriomowand on Friday, suming to smooth above 2,000tt. The winds strong with

 Information supplied by the Norwegian National Tourist Office. Screen says yes Belle Vue have agreed terms for the new speedway season with Joe Screen, the 1989 Young Rider of the Year. Screen should have declined to do so. How-ever, Fiji are to tour Japan in sign this week. .

Tongans want Teague has point to prove to host a By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent tour by Wales

Mike Teague, who returned pack which also includes Richard Pascall, the returning di-visional and England B prop. London Scottish, leaders of the third division, hope to confirm today arrangements for

with England's training party from the Canaries on Monday from the Canaries on Monday evening having been relegated to the replacements for next week's international against Ire-land, will make his first league appearance of the season for Gloucester on Saturday, in their first division match at Leicester. Teague, the England and Brit-ish Isles flanker, has made only one club appearance since recovering from a damaged shoulder. Otherwise, his abbre-

viated season has been taken up with divisional matches and the odd guest appearance. But now he takes over from Barry Clark in his club position of No. 8 in a Coventry's Welsh connection fades

Coventry have lost seven of terday, "I estimate there is a their 11 Welsh matches next maximum of only five Satin their preparations for the 1991 World Cup, while the South Pacific islands, in general, season, including century-old fixtures against Cardiff and are seeking games against the senior rugby-playing countries who are visiting their part of the Neath, because of the proposed introduction of leagues in the Principality (Michael Austin Bath, Gloucester, Bristol and England played Fiji in a one-off international at the end of

Moseley, the other English clubs with Welsh connections, are in a similar position through the Welsh scheme for 10 clubs playing 18 matches each in the premier division. John Butler, the fixtures secretary for Coventry, said yes-

The man who will occupy the No. 6 shirt for England at Twickenham, Mickey Skinner, will miss Harlequins's league game with Rosslyn Park because he has extended his stay in the Canaries. Chris Sheasby will take his place.

Bath welcome back Stuart Barnes, their captain and stand-off half, after six weeks absence with a torn calf muscle. It will be fittle comfort to Bedford, without a league win this season, that strongest, fielding

play each other. A few English

Coventry are resigned to los-ing fixtures against Pontypool.

Bridgend, Maesteg, Pontypridd and Ebbw Vale, as well as

Cardiff and Neath next season,

Only Newport, Llanelli, Newbridge and South Wales

Police survive purely by the coincidental dates on which

they have regular fixtures.

going too far too soon."

their game be played on Sunday has been rejected by Exeter. Oclin Osborne, Zimbabwe's assistant coach for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand three years ago, has given Moseley a much needed boost by agreeing to join their coaching panel

this particular weekend.

their league game with Exeter. Both Scottish and Richmond.

their co-tenants who play Liverpool St Helens, were

drawn at the Athletic Ground

and Richmond have preference

A suggestion by Scottish that

maximum of only five Sat-urdays in the season when English and Welsh clubs can Saturdays in the first half of next

> Coventry need to find seven English clubs to replace their Welsh opponents. Waterloo, Notingham and Rosslyn Park may fill three gaps. The lack of other top-class opposition means that if Coventry are promoted to the Courage Clubs Championship first division, they are likely to play Moseley and Bristol three times next

Irish prop out for six weeks

By George Ace

Although an operation has been deemed unnecessary, Jimmy McCoy, the Ireland unit-head prop. faces a lengthy period of inactivity. He ruptured a thumb tendon in his right hand during Saturday's Irish trial, was net considered for the match against England at Twickenham on Saturday week and faces sixweeks with his thumb in splints. But if that does not induce a complete recovery, the thumb complete recovery, the thumb may remain in splints for a further six weeks.

"I have had a few injuries for my career but a kick in the thumb ruling you out for six weeks and possibly three months surely takes the bactuit." McCoy said yesterday an exil bactuit of being 18th. am still hopeful of being right for the game against France in Paris on March 3."

There are no alant bels ringing in the Irish camp over the recurrence of the calf muscle injury which forced Des Filt-gerald to miss Sunday's practice "The muscle tightened up a little following Saturday's say sion but we expect Fitzgerald ! be 100 per cent fit for Two.enham," an IRFU spokesmen said yesterday.

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division team, Ajax, are being semmoned to appear in court in

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The parties involved are facing a maximum sentence of eight years impressionated and ines,
"They will all get a court
summous by mail and their
lawyers have until January 12 to
react or ask further investigations," De Wit said.

The affair first came to light in October 1988. In August last year, the Dutch fiscal fraud squad, FIOD, ended investigations into financial details of a er of players' transfers from 198A

Among the investigated transfers were those of Henning Jensen, Felix Gasselich, Wim Kieft, Piet Hamberg, Simon Tahamata and Socren Lerby. Lerby, Auton Harmsen, the former chairman, and the former team managing committee mem-bers, Lou Bartels and Adrie van

bers, Lon Bartels and Adrie van Eijden, were arrested in 1988 and the Ajax board resigned over the affair.

Dutch fiscal authorities are seeking about 1.5 million guilders (about £458,000) in back taxes from Lerby alone.

Lerby, aged 31, left Ajax in 1983 and, after spells with the West German side, Bayern Musich, and the French first division chab, Monaco, now plays for Dutch rivals PSV Eludhoven.

grating costs in some instances and of under-reporting pay-ments to players to reduce their taxes in other instances.

Ajax last year received an additional tax bill of 9.4 million guilders (about £2.8 million) including a three million guilder (about £915,000) penalty for • BOLOGNA: Lionello

Manfredonia, the AS Roma defender who suffered a heart attack during a league match here on December 38, was discharged from hospital yesruscharges from nospital yes-terday (AFP reports). Manfredonia, aged 33, was taken semi-conscious to hospital after collapsing daring Roma's 1-1 draw with Bologna and was in a critical condition for several

> Ernesto Aliciccio, the Roma ciub doctor, is slightly more optimistic that Maniredonia light be able to play again espite reports last week that his career was over.

> resume playing, Aliciccio said.
> "We will have to wait and see what the tests show when he

Cearns seeking the right time to step down at West Ham

been a family club. There are

which was to become West

in the Ron Greenwood-John

yesterday. He met the staff

and players before they set off for today's FA Cup third

round replay at Crewe Alexan-

dra, then travelled with the

to League clubs, making the comparison with the League's ITV contract spurious. This

however has received little sympathy from the clubs. "Without

the League clubs there wouldn't be a TV contract," Martin Edwards, the chairman of Manchester United, said.

idea of banning the cameras from live matches. Whether that

can be done legally this season remains questionable, the FA claiming that the clubs accepted the Cup's conditions when they

Some of the more militant

London club.

Football League management committee, announced his intention of standing down at the annual meeting last year when he told shareholders that he planned to remain a director but there would be a change of chairman.

His intention was to hand over to his son, Martin, who is on the board, but Cearns, aged 76, feels a decision to leave now, with Lou Macari, the club manager, facing an FA charge concerning a bet on a football match involving Swindon Town, his previous club, might be misinterpreted and also leave any problems with his successor.

Although unwell, Cearns travelled to the west country at the weekend for his club's defeat in the third round of the FA Cup at Torquay United to give support to Macari. Another reason Cearns feels

his timing has to be right is that Michael Wallace, a property dealer with interests in Portugal, has acquired 30 per

and BSB received no encourage-

and oss received no encouragement yesterday. A meeting in Manchester between League representatives and the FA ended in impasse, with Andy Williamson, the assistant secretary of the League, saying: "It looks like becoming an ongoing

The leading clubs were seeking to increase the fee for live matches from £60,000 each to something more in line with the

After 42 years as a director of cent of the shares in the club - McGiven, aged 39, resigned West Ham United, the last 11 and is now the largest single from West Ham last week of them as chairman, Len shareholder. He purchased the after 16 years as a player and Cearns is deliberating over the holdings of Reg Pratt, the coach because he felt he right time to hand over the former chairman, from his needed a change of directioning of the troubled east family and is said to be paying Although he success additional control of the coach because he felt he right time to hand over the former chairman, from his needed a change of directioning and is said to be paying and is said to be paying the coach because he felt he right time to hand over the former chairman, from his needed a change of directions. coach because he felt he Although he succeeds Eddie £1.000 for shares originally Niedzwiecki in charge of the Cearns, a former Army priced at 50p; discussions captain who has served on the about Wallace joining the youth players, McGiven will work with Chlesea's seniors alongside the other coaches, Gwyn Williams and Graham board did not materialize. West Ham has traditionally

> McGiven was signed by Greenwood from Sunderland three members of the Cearns family on the board: Len, his brother, Will, who is vice-chairman, and his son, Mar-tin, aged 45, and the fourth as a successor to Bobby Moore. He became a coach with the reserves under Lyall generation to become a direcand, in West Ham tradition, tor. In addition, Charles graduated to the League side. Warner, another director, is a "Ron and John brought me great-grandson of Arnold up the West Ham way, Hills, the last chairman of Thames Ironworks and the

Roberts.

McGiven said yesterday. "Football is a game played instigator of the works team with a lot of honesty, commitment, passion and skills; I Ham United. The families think the West Ham way is the own more than 50 per cent of right way and I hope to put it principles I learned at Upton Mick McGiven, a believer Park and have been preaching Lyall approach to football that

He has a reputation as a has been a hallmark of West Ham for three decades, joined the coaching staff at Chelsea disciplinarian with senior players, but his job at West Ham brought him into weekly contact with youngsters. Kevin Keen, George Parris and Steve Potts are first-team players at West Ham he

League's plea for Piontek in dispute more money fails over terms The attempt by Football League clubs to increase their share of the FA's £6 million a year television contract with BBC for the whole of football, not just

Copenhagen (AFP) - Sepp Piontek is threatening to resign as manager of the Denmark national team if the Danish Football Association fails to

meet the terms he has laid down for a new contract.

Piontek, aged 46, who was born in West Germany, has been the Denmark trainer since 1979. His present contract expires on June 30 and he has asked the Danish FA, which meets tomorrow, to extend it for six years on improved terms. Piontek said yesterday:

reached agreement in principle to stay on for another six years in charge, four years as trainer and two as manager and technical adviser, after the World Cup qualifying match against Romania last November.

"At that time, I didn't discuss the financial conditions with the officials but I thought we could However, his meeting with the FA president, Carl Nielsen,

ended in stalemate last week as Nielsen claimed Piontek's salary demands were excessive. He decided to refer the matter to the

"I don't intend staying on at any price," Piontek said. "I haven't been fairly rewarded for the popularity of the Danish team, which attracts large crowds and provides a good return for the association."

Piontek, who accepted a sal-ary cut of around £14,000 a year after the team failed to reach the World Cup finals in Spain, said: "My salary demands are nego-tiable, but there is a limit." Although his present salary is a well-kept secret, it is believed to be about £100,000 a year, with the Danish taxman taking as high as paid to trainers in

Germany or in France.

If the Danish FA fails to meet his terms, Piontek is sure he will not be out of work for long. "I have been ranked the eighth best trainer in the world," he said. "I would be tempted to try some-where new, whether it be in France, West Germany, Turkey or Saudi Arabia, no matter where, so long as they offer the right conditions, I already turned down a golden opportu-nity two years when I was offered a contract by the Saudis.

 Scotland will play East Germany at Hampden Park on April 25 as part of their World Cup preparation. They have also organized a B international the day before. The matches replace planned fixtures with Bulgaria.

 Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, has been asked to take charge of a FIFA course for Arab coaches during a big tournament in Kuwait from February 20 to March 6.

 Wolverhampton Wanderers aked record receipts of £110,623 from Saturday's third round FA Cup tie against Shef-field Wednesday, played before a capacity crowd of 23,000.



Shining like moonlight in Vermont

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Runaway Vermont: Pete Ward is as elusive as a moonbeam as he is chased by two players from Sheffield University, who confined the touring University of Vermont men's lacrosse team to the most respectable score - from an

11-8 at Sheffield yesterday. Vermont had trounced South of England 15-7 on Sunday and a combined Hillcroft and Beckenham 12-1 the day before.

into an early 2-0 lead through English point of view - so far the England players, Hallows when the Americans won by and Symington. At the first

they were 8-6 up at the half-Sheffield, mainly thwarted

quarter, Sheffield led 5-4 and

by McCabe, the opposing goalkeeper, in the closing minutes, did not score in the second half whereas Vermont

Morgan minor wins the day

By Steve Acteson

The case of Morgan v Morgan was settled yesterday in Blackpool, with the winner laying claim to minimum prize-mone Credit Classic and three ranking points, as well as being sen-tenced to hard labour against Steve Davis, the world champion, in the quarter-finals

Brian Morgan, aged 21, a first-season professional who is a former world junior champion, acquitted himself well, winning 5-1 against Darren Morgan, aged 23, the former world amateur champion.

the Japanese company, Mizuno, reputed to be worth \$20 million

(£12.1 million). The agreement covers clothes, shoes and, most

significant, the development of a racket that may help him win Wimbledon, the one important title that has eluded him.

his usual build-up to the championships, and yesterday he confirmed his intentions to return to Australia in April to

Roche, for several weeks, rather

than play the European clay-

Morgan D, who recovered from 4-2 down to beat Cliff

TENNIS

By Barry Wood

Ivan Lendl, the world No. 1, has don final in 1986 and 1987, he signed a six-year contract with has failed to advance beyond the

Lendl some months ago announced a dramatic change to and which plays well on all his usual build-up to the surfaces," Lendl said. "You are

Thorburn in the previous round, simply had one of those days. In the opening frame he forged a break of 50 but then missed the second last red and later the blue for Morgan B to win on the pink. When he missed an over-

ambitious shot at pink in the third frame, his opponent cleared to pink for a 3-0 lead that was converted into a 5-1 victory with a final flourish of 54, Morgan D having again offered his opponent the chance by attempting a thin cut on the pack of reds and, instead, hitting

The winning Morgan showed remarkable maturity in view of

semi-finals in the last two years,

and at 29 he must know that

time is no longer on his side.
With his 10-year relationship
with Adidas becoming strained,
he decided a change was

"We are looking for a power-

always looking for a perfect racket. For grass, it has to be a

little bit bigger than tny old one, and it has to be very controllable

from the back court, too."
With no thoughts of retire-

ment, Lendl is as easer as ever for a new challenge.

touch Finnish player, Veli

the fact that he was playing a tournament match under the scrutiny of national television cameras for the first time. Nor does he expect to be fazed by another meeting with Davis He lost to the world cham

pion in the quarter-finals of the BCE International last Septem ber but said: "I'll just go out and concentrate on playing my own game, although that will be hard to do; coming from the same county I've been watching him for years."

RESULTS: Fifth round (England un stated): B Morgan bt D Morgan (Wales 1; S Newbury (Wales) bt P Francisco (

Schneider ecstasy after pain

killers

Hinterstoder, Austria (Reuter) Cup overall champion, won a tough duel with Anita Wachter. of Austria, to take her third slalom of the Alpine season yesterday. The Swiss double Olympic champion was only 0.06 seconds ahead of Wachter in the first leg but pushed harder on the second run for a winning margin of 0.81sec.

Her combined time of Imin 35.27sec was a further 0.80 faster than Christine von Grunigen, her Swiss team-mate,

Schneider, winner of a record 14 World Cup events last season, including all seven slaloms. won the opening slalom in Park City, Utah, but missed the second at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in December after injuring a knee in downhill training. She made a triumphant return from surgery on Saturday to win the slatom in Piancavallo, Italy, but required Piancavallo, Italy, but required pain-killers yesterday to complete a course that claimed 15 retirements in the second leg.

Wachter, who also finished second in Monday's giant slalom here, moved into the overall lead in the World Cup with

155 points, seven ahead of Michaela Gerg, of West Germany, who does not ski slaloms. Petra Kronberger, the Austrian all-rounder, who won Monday's giant stalom, is third with 133pts and Schneider is fourth with 105, having closed the gap between them by 17pts.
In the slalom standings, Schneider leads with 75pts, 17 more than Claudia Strobl, of Austrian, who won at Steam-boat Springs, and 20 more than

Wachter.
Schneider displayed her familiar supremacy in the sec-ond, steeper part of the course on the second leg, where she built most of her winning mar-gin. "I think I skied really well, especially since the course was already starting to break under higher temperatures," she said.
The temperature rose almost
10° C to minus two overnight
and proved too much for the

bumpy course, which was covered with a mixture of natural and artifical snow.

Daturral and artifical show.

RESULTS: Saleies: 1, V Schneider (Switz),
min 35.27sec: 2, A Wachter (Austria),
1:36.08; 3, C Von Grunigen (Switz),
1:36.88; 4, K Buder (Austria), 1:37.38; 5, C
Strobl (Austria), 1:37.78; 8, N Bokel (Yug),
1:38.02 Overeill: 1, Schneider, 75pts; 2,
Strobl, 58; 3, Wachter, 55; 4, K Buder
(Austria), 42; 5, M Malernoter (Austria), 40;
6, K Andersson (Swe), 32 World Cap (Austria), 42; 5, M Maiermorer (Austria), 40; 6, K Andersson (Swe), 32 World Cap overalt: 1, Wachter, 155pts; 2, M Gerg (WG), 148; 3, P Kronberger (Austria), 133; 4, Schneider, 105; 5, M Walliser (Switz), 74; 6, R Moesenlechner (WG), 65. Helione Cup: 1, Austria, 1,175pts; 2, Switzerfand, 755; 3, West Germany, 556; 3-Cheef and 250; 65 France, 250; 67 (10), 81 ● Jilly Curry, of Britain, was

second in the women's com-bined event at the freestyle World Cup at Mount Gabriel, Canada. Julia Snell came sixth in the ballet discipline.

something more in line with the £190,000 allocated to a live match by 1TV. The smaller clubs are also seeking an increase in the £7,500 fee paid for games shown as edited highlights, and the £5,000 flat fee paid to all sides who reach the Chapman completes transfer

Lee Chapman is poised to lead promotion contender, also inthe Leeds United attack against Blackburn Rovers on Saturday

The centre forward, aged 30, ning Howard Wilkinson, is rejoining Howard Wilkinson, now in charge of Leeds, who was formerly his manager at Sheffield Wednesday. At Hillsborough, Chapman, who has also played for Stoke City, Arsenal, Sunderland, and Niort, Sherial of Stoke City, 149 of France, scored o3 goals in 149

League appearances.

After signing, he said: "I feel confident of scoring goals for Leeds. They are a big club with tremendous ambition and the win the second division Newcastle United, another

US players go on trial at

taking their first steps towards turning professional by joining the training programme of an English first division team. Tony Meola, a goalkeeper, and John Harks, a midfield player, arrived in Britain yesterday for a trial with Sheffield Wednesday in what Meola hopes will be-come a permanent arrangement.

"I'm going to give it my best shot." Meola said. "I don't know how long I'm going to stay there. I understand the Sheffield goalie [Kevin Pressman] has broken his leg. Maybe that will improve my chance." improve my chances." Meola, at 20 the youngest member of the US World Cup squad, has made seven appear-By Cook of the national team.
Harks, aged 22, has played 21 times for the US. While at Virginia, he scored 26 goals in 53 outings.

tend to consolidate their squad with the signing of Roy Aitken, the Celtic and Scotland captain. for £500,000 today. The mid-field player, aged 31, said yes-terday: "I am leaving Celtic after 14 years for personal reasons which are no fault of anybody at the club. If everything goes according to plan this move will be a tremendous challenge.

"I want to help Newcastle out

of the second division and hopefully on to other things. If I sign it will not be a case of wanting to play in the first division but to go on and win Aitken, who has just rejected

a four-year contract, plus a cash incentive of £100,000 to remain at Celtic Park, is expected to captain Newcastle at home to

Leicester City on Saturday.

"Roy is a great leader who can
do a vital job for us," Jim Smith, the Newcastle manager, said. "As long as he does the bu our crowd will love us. We have had a few hiccups in form recently, but Roy is just the man who can lift us and put us back in the promotion frame." Luton are to ask Manche

United if they will extend Mal Donaghy's loan period for a second month. Three of the Bedfordshire club's central defenders are injured and they need Donaghy, who previously spent 10 years at Luton. Brian Parkin, the Crystal Palace goalkeeper, has rejected a permanent move to Bristol Rovers after failing to agree permanent terms at Twerton Park, where he is on loan.

Lilleshall to scrutinize McAvennie's progress

scupper Chester City's plan to sell their Sealand Road ground for redevelopment and move to a ground on a greenfields site. The third division club has

played on or before February 10. piayed on or before reordary IV.

DRAW: Colchester United or Tottenhem
Hotspur v Wolverhampton Wanderen,
Watford v Leicester City, Menchester City
or Coventry City v Crystel Palace or
Brendord, Port Vale or Manchester United
v Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenel v Portsmouth or CPR, WBA v Leyton Orient or
Gälinghein, Notes County or Middlesbrough v loswich, Wickingheim Town or
Swansee City v Liverpool.

Youth Cup. Matches to

Frank McAvennie, of West Ham United, who has been out for five months after breaking an ankle against Stoke City, yesterday booked into the FA training centre at Lifleshall until Friday, so that his progress can be monitored.

McAvennie, aged 30, the former Celtic and Scotland international forward, who has returned to full training, hopes

returned to full training, hopes to return to action in February. ● Cheshire County Council's demand for £2.8 million to-wards road improvements could submitted a planning applica-

tion for the conversion of its ground and training ground to a supermarket. But the County Council insists a link road would be needed and is asking the club to contribute £2.8

caretaker manager, has put the Scottish defender, Steve Pittman, and the former Wolverhampton midfield player. Jon Purdie, on the transfer list the fourth round of the FA

Fisherman Mecir cast out in the first round

Auckland, New Zealand (AP) -A local player, Steve Guy, caused a first-round upset by beating the second seed, Miloslav Mecir, 6-3, 6-3 in the Benson and Hedges New Zealand Open here yesterday.
The Czechoslovak player,

who has dropped from fourth to 25th in the world rankings over the past 18 months, blamed his defeat on the lack of a proper 'l just haven't had enough practice," Mecir, who spent two days last week fishing for trout,

said. He was playing his first match for more than a month because of a foot injury, received while on holiday in Italy.
Guy, ranked 208th in the
world, raced to a 4-0 lead in the first set and never looked back. He served and volleyed crisply, putting Mecir on the defensive. His second round opponent will be compatriot Brett Steven, a 6-3, 6-0 winner over an out-ofThe fourth seed, Kelly Evernden, of New Zealand, wa another first-round casualty, and the top-seeded Soviet player, Andrei Chesnokov, scraped through 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 against a West German quali-fier, Marcus Zoecke, American Scott Davis, the eighth seed, lost the first set to Christian Bergstrom, of Sweden, but fought back to win 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

RESULTS: First round: A Marredorf (isr) bt K Novecek (C21, 6-4, 6-1; G Connell (Can) bt P Chamberlin (US), 7-5, 6-3; M Gustafason (Swe) bt J Anderson (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; Ramsah Krishnan (India) bt P Cane Gustatisson (Swe) by J Anderson (Aus), 6-1, 6-2, Ramesh Krishnan (India) by P Cane (It), 6-1, 6-1; D Delaitre (F1) by P Heartwise (Neith), 6-2, 6-3; J Bates, (G8) by J Wohrmann (WG), 2-5, 6-1, 6-1; D Goldie (US) by L L Wahligmen (Swe), 7-6, 6-0; A Chesnokov (USS) It Ist M Zozetec (C2), 6-7, 7-8, 7-5; S Guy (NZ) bt M Mecir (C2), 6-3, 6-3; M Stich (NG) by K Jones (US), 7-5, 6-3; R Raneburg (US) by G Bloom (Ist), 6-3, 6-2; G Layendecker (Can) by K Evernden (NZ), 6-2, 6-4; J Arless (US) by C Pistolesi (It), 6-3, 6-3; F Servers (NZ) bt V Palphetmo (Fin), 6-3, 6-0.

FOR THE RECORD

BOXING

Lendl signs £12m | Laing tunes up for world title chance deal with Mizuno

By a Special Correspondent

Kirkland Laing, the experienced tically impressive, with only two British welterweight champion, keeps busy while awaiting a possible world title challenge when he takes on Buck Smith, of the United States, at the Albert Hali tonight.

The 10-round contest should he no more than a solid workout for Laing, aged 35, but the Hackney man has always been an unpredictable for Hopes of a world title contest.

and in particular a meeting with Simon Brown, the IBF cham-

championship. non-ti While Smith's record is statis-

He might be dangerous in the opening rounds, but Laing should assert himself from the halfway mark and emerge a victor on points. More interesting might be the

points losses and a draw in more

erate opposition.

than 30 bouts, almost all of

other 10-round bout on the bill. featuring John Mugabi, of Uganda, the WBC light-middle-Simon Brown, the IBF champion, later this year, were raised by Laing's last bout, in which he stopped George Collins in the fifth round to retain his British championship.

Oganoa, the MDC light-intended weight champion, against Carlos Antunes, of Brazil. Mugabi, who like Laing is managed by Mickey Duff, should win this non-title match by the halfway

Keepers find grass is greener on other side

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent Golf in England is under threat better salaries and a higher

Golf in England is under threat from the Continent according to Tony Hill, the incoming president of the English Golf Union. Hill, aged 54, suggested in London yesterday that golf clobs on the other side of the Channel are "poaching some of En gland's best greenkeepers". He asserted that clubs will

need to increase membership subscriptions in order to stop the wodus of greenkeepers. "There are at least two threats

to the well-being of golf that we need to face immediately," Hill said. "One is Continental clubs trying to entice our best greenkeepers; the second is the overtise of our courses.

"Greenkeepers are being promised better equipment and

status in clubs on the Contine Our clubs must appreciate that greenkeeping is not a labourer's job. A poor greenkeeper can ruin a course very quickly.

"Members will complain but for the good of their club it is time we paid a realistic price for our golf. What the fee is only individual clubs can decide. But I have no doubt that subscrip-

"We all know we need more clubs and that situation is being addressed. France is now buildto save our courses and give the many thousands waiting for membership of a club and the chance to get a handicap, we must match, or even better, the

CROQUET

Comeback by British pair

creased their lead to 15-2 against Australia in the international match in Auckland yesterday.

Mark Saurin has won all his matches on his international debut. Yesterday he and Colin Irwin completed a good victory over Greg Bury and Leigh Harrington. The British No. 1 pair of

Mark Avery and David Open-shaw lost their first game but came from behind to take the second and won the third. The Australians, Alan Cleland and George Latham, beat William

SCORES: Fifth day (GB and tre first): G Irwin and B Saurin bt L Herington and G Bury, +21, +16: D Openshaw and M Avery bt C Pickering and B Ford, -16, +17, +16; W Pricherd and R Futlord lost to A Cleland and G Latham, +5, -5, -24.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lindsay pleased with young squad

After dominating France at and Great Britain senior scrum under-21 level for several years, half, Andy Gregory. the Great Britain youngsters have surprisingly and unexpectedly lost three of the last four fixtures between the countries. This gives considerable importance to the first of this

season's under-21 internationals at Villeneuve a week on Sunday. The Great Britain squad of 17 was announced yesterday and the new manager, Maurice Lindsay, said "Both the coach, Makohn Reilly, and I think this is the most exciting under-21

Wigan provide four of the choices, including the scrum half, Bobby Goulding, aged 17, who has won international recognition with some outstanding displays as a willing sub-stitute and deputy for the Wigan The other representatives

from Wigan are the forwards, Denis Betts, Ian Gildart and Phil Clarke, who is the son of the former Wigan and Great Britain hooker, Colin Clarke. Sheffield Eagles provide three players to the squad in Anthony Farrell, David Mycoe and the strong running forward, Sonny Nickle. Paul Newlove, the Featherstone Rovers threequarter, who played for the full Great Britain side against New Zealand in the recent series, was an inevitable choice. Castleford also have four

players in the squad. Several of the players have come to prominence only in the last few months, but Reilly has search far and wide for promis ing young talent and to give early opportunities to potentia senior material.

SCUAD: Backs: G Anderson (Castelord), P Delancy (Leeds), A Farrell (Sheffeld Engles), V Ferroett (Leeds), R Goetcing (Wigen), A Huste (St Helens), S Insist (Castelord), D Mycoe (Sheffeld Engles), P Newflows (Featherstone Rovers) Foresedt: D Betin, P Chirica, I Gildert (Wigen), J Critchley (Widnes), S Motitor (Warrington), S Motito (Sheffeld Engles), M Roeback, G Scuttermood (Castelord).

 Video evidence is to be used by Hull to support their case in the alleged fracturing of the jaw of the Australian international Steve Folkes, by a Barrow forward on Sunday. Hull say Folkes, a forward, was injured by the illegal use of an elbow and will send the video to referees' been true to his promise to, controller, Fred Lindop.

FOOTBALL BASKETBALL MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA): Orleado Mingle 111, San Autonio Spurs 102; Pritadol-phia 78ers 120, Indiana Papers 116; Dalias Marvericks 110, Seatie SuperSonics 96; Allimanicae Bucks 128, Charlotte Hornets 113; Coclon State Warriors 138, Danver Nuggets 122; Portland Trail Blazers 108, Secrationics Kings 96. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brigh-

RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetowe: Berbados 195 and 252: Leeward Islands 336 and 112 for 3. Leeward Islands won by 7 wicharts. Kingstein: Whothward Islands 122 and 388; Guyene 286 and 285 for no wid. Match drawn. 9HSTPELD 9HBLD: Adeleider Victoria 500 for 5 dec and 222 for 4 dec; South Australia 410 and 186 for 4 P Nobes 89, March drawn. 3yckey: Western Australia 252 and 166 for 1 (T Moody 95 not oct; New South Wales 284 S Snall 70. M Taylor 67. T Adderman 5 for 82, No play because of rain, Match drawn. DARTS LAKERIDE COUNTRY CLUB, Priminy Green: Embancy World Championship: Second round: E Bristow (Marseyside) bt S Gittine (Satop), 3-2; M Care (Swe) bt S Carres (Wales), 3-1; J Wisson (Scot) bt C Whiting (Glouce), 3-2; M Gregory (Somerzel) bt L Laurens (Bel) 3-1.

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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL HOCKEY (NHL): Pittsburgh Pen-guins 7, New York Rangers 5; Toronto Mapie Lesis 8, Washington Capitals 6; Winnipeg Jets 4, New Jersey Dovits 8. SKIING MOUNT GABRIEL, Canada: Presstyle World Cap: Women's combined: 1, C. Kesting (Switz), 1etts: 2, J. Curry (SB), 38; 3, N Orsthova (USSR), 41.

RUGBY LEAGUE

\$22,650: 2. T Muster (Austria). \$18,000: 3, R Reneberg (US), \$12,175: 4, J Arias (US), \$10,800: 5, K Evernden (NZ), \$9,050: equal 6. A Castle (GB), N Octoor (Nigoria) and N Pereira (Ver), \$7,750: equal 9, J Reurten (Pr) and K Nigorials (C2), \$7,162. 11, M Schapers (Neth), \$3,700; 12, S Brugnera (Sp) and P Care (II), \$8,250; 14, S Casal (Sp) and A MYDUZ (WG), \$5,250; 16, M Kovermans (Neth) and M Stich (WG), \$5,257: 18, P Annacone (US), \$4,825: equal 19, J Bates (GB), B Derlin (NIZ), and U Riglewskii (WG), \$3,725. SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE: Warrogion 27, Leads 26. **SQUASH RACKETS** VOLLEYBALL Foreign signing Chesham, the Vauxhall League

Worrali forced out Tony Worrall, the Salford forward, formerly of Warrington, aged 30, has been forced to retire from rugby league because of a (Arg). ATP MONEY-WINNERS: 1, E Sunchez (Sp),

Cup squad for Italy.

side, have signed Eric Maki, a forward who is hoping to break

into the United States' World



championship.

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for more than a decide while Two members of the United
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The history of the Olympic movement has regularly powerless to influence political tyrannies, such as those in Romania, Haiti, Uganda, or pre-war Germany, or simply not interested. South Africa

Yesterday in Paris, sensible men from both the International Olympic Committee and South African sport talked for five bours about the route which South Africa must take in order to re-emerge on had been scheduled to meet for one hour: reason can sometimes promote its own cause.

The statement issued afterwards by Fekron Kidane and Sam Ramsamy, the advisers to

Rovers on the eve of tonight's

FA Cup third round replay

with Aston Villa at Villa Park.

Blackburn, who have

named May as deputy, are

hopeful that goalkeeper Terry

Gennoe will be able to play,

ing because of a heavy cold.

Aston Villa are likely to

field the side which featured in

Saturday's splendid contest at

Ewood Park but may spring a

surprise by having Dwight

Yorke, a forward with World

Cup experience with Trinidad

Durie in attack. Chelsea, who

Cup at Scarborough, face a

Bishop Auckland in an earlier

Scottish second division is

almost certain to be a non-

starter (Louise Taylor writes).

The bold, if unorthodox,

scheme was conceived by a

Dublin-based business con-

sortium headed by Colm Mc-

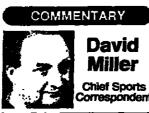
Carthy, a stockbroker, and

Jonathan Irwin, a race-course

went out of the Littlewoods Newell

not something people at ment,"

and Tobago, on the bench.



the IOC Apartheid Commission, who were represent-ing the IOC, said that South Africa's position (of exclusion) could not be reviewed "until disciplines". This raises an

in which the principle might Olympic medal at a ceremony

Hill's injury is a

harsh blow to

Blackburn hopes

A training injury to Hill, their that replay, and it is the same England international centre

Norwich City could recall

Coney to the attack for the

third round replay with Exeter

City should Rosario fail a

field at strong team of scouts

assess Darran Rowbotham,

who scored his 24th goal of the

season for Exeter in Saturday's

Cottee may be given one

last opportunity to resurrect

his career with Everton in the

at Goodison Park. Just five

expense of either Sharp or

Colin Harvey, the Everton

he was concerned about his

it. It will not be easy against

done the hard work. But I make a change in defence as first division football land with Dave Watson, the former Colombia.

Irish seek Scots league slot

"Is it Irish Blarney," Jack

Scottish League, said on hear-

ing of the plan yesterday.

"Frankly it is difficult to be

serious about this, although

the people behind the scheme

might not be treating it lightly.

Irish sense of humour, but as

"I have always admired the

he said. "We are

1-1 draw in Devon.

League clubs are likely to be

fitness test on a knee injury.

central defender, whose dam- for us now in reverse." Crewe

aged harnstring will keep him are unchanged and will be

out for a fortnight, was an supported by a capacity crowd unwelcome blow to Blackburn of 7,500.

although he was excused train- at Carrow Road in order to

Nicholas could return to the days after the England forward

Chelsea midfield for the re- indicated his desire to leave

play against Crewe Alexandra Merseyside he could well win

and there may be a place for a first team recall at the

testing evening at Gresty manager, yesterday admitted

will be over confident. That is greatest problem at the mo-

Crewe tend to suffer from," playing well enough up to the

Dario Gradi, the manager penalty area but not with a

said. "We learnt a lesson from great deal of confidence inside

round. They got a draw here Middlesbrough because they

Maybe they thought they had Harvey may be forced to

and celebrated loud and long. are a good footballing side."

existent Irish club to join the on next season's fixture list.

They intend to invest £2.5 far as I am concerned there is

million in creating the club, absolutely no chance of the

called Dublin City, which Scottish League being ex-

would probably play at tended. The application will Lansdowne Park, with a team be treated with courtesy and

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"I do not think my players side's lack of goals. "It is my

place the IOC — are there, for instance, unitary federations in Guyana, Sri Lanka, or the Market of the meeting will be submitted."

While the IOC — are there, for instance, unitary federations attended.

The well-intentioned ges-Philippines? — what will hap-pen should South African sport be able to establish unitary federations in Olympic

The inference must be that the Olympic movement would then be obliged to re-admit South Africa, irrespective of political considerations, as is the case with every other national Olympic committee: sobering to recall that, following Romania's "rebel" appearance at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984, Ceaucesca was awarded an

half is doubtful after sustain-

ing a hamstring injury at the

weekend. If he is unavailable

Keown will be re-introduced

Sheedy, the republic of Ire-

land international who was

confined to the stand by ankle

injury on Saturday, is poised

to return on the left of the

midfield at the expense of

cussion on Saturday, Proctor,

of Middlesbrough, is des-perate to engage in a midfield contest with Sheedy after

being released from hospital.

anticipating a "battle," when Cardiff City of the fourth

division visit Loftus Road.

"But at least they can't narrow

our pitch," he said, in a barbed

reference to Cardiff's decision

to trim two yards off either

side of their playing area

before Saturday's 0-0 draw.

• Bristol Rovers, who share

Bath City's Twerton Park

ground, have applied for per-

mission to build a new sta-

dium at Mangotsfield, on the

Rosenberg Bernell, a Colom-

ner, but I am afraid that

Dublin are at the bottom of a

quite a few clubs who would

be displeased if we allowed an

lrish side to join us. In any

case, I wouldn't want to be the

person to tell Forfar Athletic.

for example, to set off for

Dublin in deepest mid-winter

The Irish had a ready

riposte, McCarthy said: "We

for a League game."

has joined Barnet, who are second in the GM Vauxhall

outskirts of Bristol.

Don Howe, the Queen's

Despite suffering con-

alongside Ratcliffe.

Beagrie.

replay against Middlesbrough Park Rangers coach, is

Steedman, the President of the Scottish League, said on hear-Steedman said: "There are

ture of that investiture by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the

President of the IOC - a trap of Ceancescu's deceit into which other international leaders fell - was meant to prove that sport can overcome politics: as it did in Seonl, for nstance. And as it did in Paris

Kidane and Ramsamy have as much reason as any to be prejudiced against white South Africans, but Kidane emerged from the talks with evident optimism. "It was a very positive meeting," he said. "Both sides are trying to fight against apartheid. The South African representatives asked that there should be a

be made by Kidane and Remsamy to Samaranch in Auckland during the Judge Keba M'baye in due course, with a detailed report at the next meeting of the anartheid commission in Ku-

The South Africans will return home knowing they from the situation of recent years when black African sports officials would walk out of the room if there was a white South African present, and South Africans trying to stay in touch had to travel, and

wait on February 19.

said afterwards that everything now depended on the co-operation that could be achieved back home. Black South African resistance to mitary bodies, especially by the politically orientated South African Council of Sport (SACOS) is only slowly

breaking down.
"The most important thing is South African unity," Duplessis said. "To get a a much easier road to get back The way for the South Africans to achieve the support of the black majority for brella bodies.

Johann Duplessis, the non-racial federations is to President of South Africa's at-present disqualified Olympic increasingly in cricket, facilities for playing and coaching at school level. People will always respond to practical opportunity rather than
political dogma, and what is
evident to anyone who travels
around in black South Africa
is that what the people want

> would particularly seek fur-ther meetings with Kidane and Ramsamy, who had been most encouraging. He considered that the chance to enlist non-white South African representatives would arise as some as they could establish una-

Options for the

ITV, ignoring any m of live and exclusive cover gway at the BBC's sur in certain areas by be to concentrate its fin arces on a lew se has exclusive deals with the Football League, stilletics and also the International Rugby Poles apart from the rest

law, a satellite and cable channel could outbid RBC and ITV and force anyone w to their services.

except the Derby.

BBC invariably wins competition

in straight competition with ITV when both are screening. the same event, the BBC invariably wins, partly because the BBC has shown a constant commitment to televise a wide range of sport which ITV has never done. In the public's eye BBC is the sport's channe

ing bodies will take accor the BBC's "quality of schedultion and commentary. I hope it will not become a cheque

The breadth of coverage stressed

Martin also underlines the breadth of coverage of BBC sport and stresses that milite some broadcasters it does not buy exclusive coverage to a sport and when it has served its usefulness "walk away

coverage of FA Cup replays as

news and drama we can only show the highlights."

cling, gymnastics, judo, shooting, swimming and diving, • WELLINGTON: Talks involving unions were underway yesterday in an effort to avert a municipal strike which could cause chaos to Auckland in the week prior to the Games (AFP reports). Employees of the Auckland City Council are

Television likes sport

For years football had to contend with the BBC and ITV negotiating together and not as competitors. It is only with the present contracts that they negotiated separately. From a £5 million a year deal with the BBC and ITV, foot-ball is now getting £21 million a year in total from the networks, foreign rights and satellite services. The Test and County Cricket Board is

With ITV apparently and interested in most sports the

Inquiry into drugs control

investigate drugs control in weightlifting following a series of incidents in the sport highlighted by The Times.

The council's action comes after a series of incidents in the sport. Steve Pinsent, the 1982 Commonwealth lightheavyweight champion, was jailed six weeks ago for supplying anabolic steroids, the bodybuilding drug. Pinsent was a link in a long. intricate chain for buying and selling drugs which stretched across Europe and the United States and involved David Jenkins, the former Olympic athletics silver medal winner.

Pinsent bought drugs from Richard Crawley, a former Olympic squad who was 1983 National Under-23

powerlifting record-holder, died in a strongman com-petition in Stirling on July 5, 1988. There is growing belief that anabolic steroids may have contributed to his death. Seven other powerlifters including Wayne Buck, an

international heavyweight, have been positive since April. Last week Dean Willey, who this month was seeking his third successive Commonwealth Games gold medal, was dropped from the England team because of a

The Sports Council has expressed its dissatisfaction with the internal administratwo bodies agreed to a new

lunatic had a gun, what could ridiculous, trying to prevent a to screen 130 hours of of highlights programmes, Games Jonathan Martin, the

p.m. on BBC1.

when they wake up or return home from work or school.

ITV is not screening the

Johannesburg (AFP) - The newly-formed Pan-Africanist Movement (PAM) warned yesterday that it would disrupt this month's unofficial cricket

The BBC will cover all 10 threatening a strike from sports in the Games: athletics, boxing, bowls, badminton, cy-open on January 24. Wimbledon to reduce centre court capacity

this year's championships. The All England Club confirmed vesterday that the standing area on the centre court, which holds 2,000, will be replaced by seats, making the stadium all-seater for the first time since it was moved to its present site in 1922. Several other changes to

Defiant return for Warren

By Bryan Stiles

is aiming to break the 50

barrier, with many of them

Although one of his lieuten-

ants will have the job of

running some of the shows

they will still be put on by

"The regulation is pretty

championship

He may have been gunned justify that?" Although he is

down in the street two months not yet back on an 18-hour

ago, but Frank Warren still day, Warren has recovered relishes shooting from the hip. well from the ordeal and

On his first day back in claimed it has made him a business selling the fight game, "harder man". He also an-

Warren announced yesterday nounced startling plans to that he intended to defy the promote a show almost every

will be in action. He does not shows in a year was 42 and he

get around a recent Boxing featuring world, European and

week this year.

British

contests.

with Merton Borough Council, but the capacity could be cut by as much as 20 per cent from its level of 14,500, by the time the terms of the Fire and

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspo

improve access on centre court are being negotiated

Safety at Sports Grounds Act have been fully implemented. "It's very sad," Sue munications, said, "because

has been appointed assistant and Ancient Golf Club of St Youngman, of KBH Com-

To: Investment Marketing Department, N M Rothschild Asset Management Ltd., Five Arrows House, St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR mistake in a photograph. Christie still holds the record - 6.55sec, recorded eight days earlier at the AAA championships and also at the European Fastest falls Championships in Budapest last March. Lagos, (Reuter) - Africa's fastest sprinter, Chidi Imoh. Willsey's task has failed to qualify for Ni-geria's Commonwealth Ray Willsey, who twice helped Games squad after being The Old Court Money Funds are Guernsey A1 authorized and UK Recognised Collective Investment Schemes. the Raiders, of the National beaten in national 100 metre Football League, to the Super Bowl, will take charge of the "Rates quored are for Old Court International Reserves Ltd. 3: at 8th January 1990. The return on all currencies and the value of your unvestment wall fluctuate in Eine with miserational interest and exchange rates. trials by Abdullahi Tetengi, who won in 10.22sec. David-(Member of UAIRO and LAUTRO) International League of son Ezinwa, with a time of 10.05, is the first choice. American Football.

By John Goodbody The Sports Council is to

The Government quango which spends £600,000 of taxpayers' money on countering drug abuse in Britain yesterday announced that it had agreed to a request from the British Amateur Weightlifters Association (BAWLA) to undertake "a review of drug control procedures both in the past and in the future."

At Monday's meeting of the council it was agreed "in principle to the review" and the council will be having discussions concerning the composition and terms of reference of the review panel.

member of Britain's junior found positive for a hormone Slalom style: Vreni Schneider, the World Cup overall skiing champion, clears a pole on her way to a third slalom win of the season yesterday at Hinterstoder, Austria. Report, page 45 drug while competing in the

Championships.
Tom Hawk, the British under-23 super-heavyweight

positive drug test and has been banned for life from the sport. tion of testing in BAWLA, although last Thursday the

would pay the travelling expenses of Scottish clubs. Dublin is as big a city as Glasgow with tremendous resources and potential crowds of 30,000 to 40,000. We already have morte than 30 players pencilled in as available, should we receive the green

McCarthy believes professional football in the Republic has sunk into a "serious and irreversible de-cline" and that a Dublin club could only be commercially successful playing in a League outside Ireland.

Dublin City's application will be considered by the Scottish League management committee a week on Thursday. Peter Donald, the sec retary, said: "There are no vacancies in the Scottish League and no plans to ex-pand it."

Christie off

the record

Linford Christie has lost his

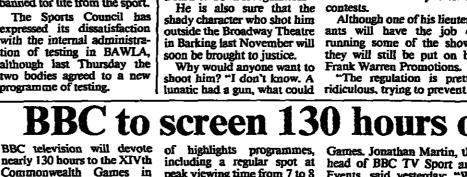
British indoor 60 metres

record of 6.52sec, set in Stutt-

gart last February. The time will not be ratified because the

track camera was not in line

An AAA official spotted the



Commonwealth Games in New Zealand, its most comprehensive coverage ever of the quadrennial event abroad (John Goodbody writes). BBC Television and Radio are spending £2.2 million to cover the Games from Janu-

ary 24 to February 3, with a team in Auckland of 87 people. Events will be screened throughout the night and there will also be a series SPORT IN BRIEF

nearly 130 hours to the XIVth including a regular spot at head of BBC TV Sport and peak viewing time from 7 to 8 Events, said yesterday: "We like to have competition around because it is a yard-stick by which you can judge Since Auckland is 13 hours ahead of London the BBC is having to cater for those your own coverage." He described the team as probenthusiasts who want to stay up all night to see the events as abiy the most experienced and talented in the world for an they happen and those who event like the Games. want the news from Auckland The BBC will cover all 10

authorities and promote

shows in which his own boxers

propose to masquerade be-

hind a front man like others to

Board of Control regulation.

Elliott ready Malcolm Elliott, second overall last year, aims to go one better when he opens his 1990 racing programme in the Tour of the Americas, a 10-day series split between Venezuela and Florida starting on February 16. Tour threat

tour in South Africa by Mike Gatting's team.

Club ruling

David Rickman, who wrote a dissertation on the Open Championship while a student at Edinburgh University. secretary (rules) by the Royal

One of the great traditions of the people being hurt are the Wimbledon will be ended at genuine classic fans, who queue for hours and then stand all day to watch the matches. But if Wimbledon could have done anything to save the standing area we would have done.' The club hopes that the tickets for the new seats will be

available on the day, but no decision has been taken about how they will be allocated. "The situation with No. 1

promoter putting his own boxers on his bill," he said, "I

am not having a go at any-

body. It is a hard regulation to

enforce because front men can

be used ... but I am not

looking for more trouble,"
The first test will come with

his next promotion. His light-

challenging for the World Boxing Council's inter-national crown at the London

Arena on February 14, If

Stretch wins it could lead to an

all-British world title contest

with his stablemate, Chris

Stretch needs a top-10 rank-

ing like Pyatt to challenge for a

world title and he will get that

if he beats the Argentinian,

Ramon Alegre, next month.

and weightlifting

His previous highest total of middleweight, Gary Stretch, is

court is better because the position of the standing area is more favourable and because the stadium is not covered. But there will be a different nature to the event," Youngman said.

viewers increase By John Goodbody The BBC is finding in bligation to cover a wide variety of events, has a policy and is therefore able to chi

END COLUMN

Board for the 1991 World aiready beginning to offe another option for viewers and both satellite and cable will have the opportunity to benefit from the government's inten-tion to abolish the 10 "listed events," which previously had

These include Wimble the Olympic Games, and the World Cup Finals. In principle when the

However the BBC is still screening the vast majority of important sports events, including all the listed events,

Jonathan Martin, the head of BBC's TV sport and events. believes that the BBC has been the biggest sponsor of sport that Britain has ever had, saying that it has had an inspirational and educational

"The BBC has many obligations. Commonwealth Games in New Zealand this month is a public service. In pure business terms it would make sense not to show the event through the night but to show it at 6am when there is a larger audience."Instead the BBC will do both.

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Martin thinks the satellite services can give an enhanced output. For instance he describes BSB's plans for live "terrific."

"With our obligations to Although this defence of the

BBC's role and particularly its desire that the "listed events" should be maintained for the benefit of the vast majority of viewers has validity, there is also no doubt that the two networks have had sport cheaply until comparatively

because it is popular and cheap. Even the Winter Olympics one of the more costly events in 1988 cost only £30,000 an hour whereas a news programme costs £115,000 and some situation comedies more than £200,000.

constantly objecting to the lack of money from the BEC for televising games.

BBC has had a monopoly Many governing bodies are hopeful that with satellite and cable BBC will at last have some opposition.

